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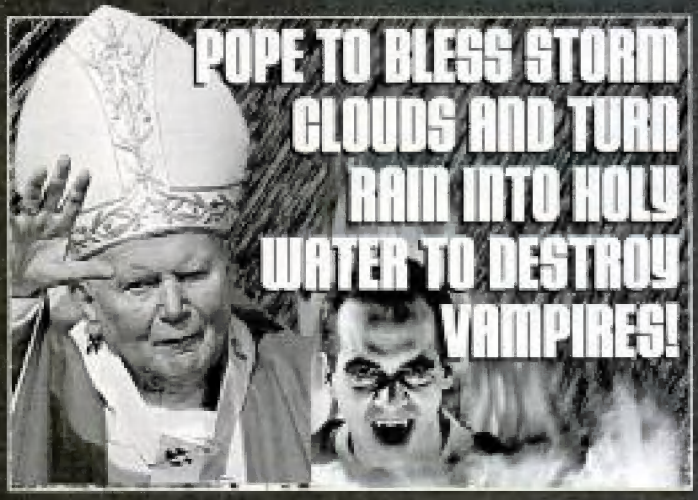

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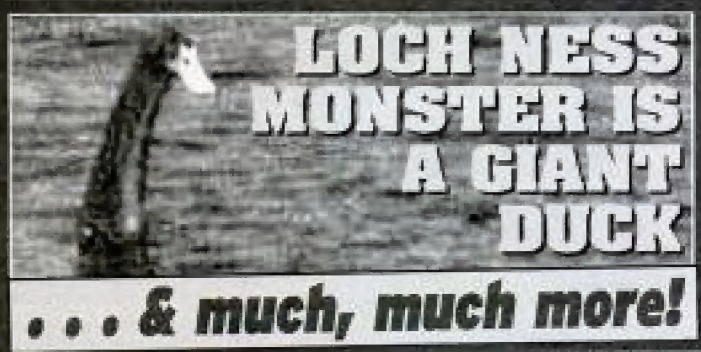

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BAT BOY is lobbying hard for the No. 2 spot on Sen. John Kerry's presidential ticket.

And Democratic Party insiders say there's no doubt the mischievous imp could bring much-needed excitement and even an element of danger to Kerry's lackluster campaign.

Plusses on the pro/con balance sheet leaked from the Kerry camp include Bat Boy's heroism as a Marine in Afghanistan and Iraq, a no-nonsense approach to problem solving, popularity with young voters, and ability to speak plainly and simply in support of traditional democratic causes such as a taxing the rich, courting labor unions and dreaming up programs to benefit the little guy.

Minuses under discussion include his well-known emotional volatility, habit of "accidentally" getting tangled in the hems of women's skirts, and difficulty in understanding such concepts as "that car doesn't belong to you, Bat Boy. Don't hot-wire the ignition and drive it."

And even though Kerry has told aides he won't make a decision for at least two weeks, Bat Boy seems confident he's a shoo-in for the spot. Just days ago he sneaked up behind first lady Laura Bush at a Washington luncheon and stuck a "Kerry for President" bumper sticker on her svelte alligator purse.

He then stunned Kerry insiders with a plan — since abandoned — to spike Vice President Cheney's jockey shorts with itching powder before a $20,000-a-plate Republican fund-raiser.

He also suggested that he could pull down President Bush's pants on live TV in a scheme that had Kerry and his aides laughing their heads off until they realized Bat Boy was serious.

"Make no mistake, Bat Boy could light a fire under the campaign by providing all the vote-grabbing charm and charisma that bor-iiinnnggg Kerry can't seem to muster," a top Washington pundit says in an on-line column set for release next week.

"Bat Boy would energize the coveted college vote that Kerry believes is crucial to victory in November.

"And you can bet your bottom dollar he'd reel in large numbers of uncommitted voters who say Kerry's rich-boy airs and long-winded answers to simple questions leave them scratching their heads and wondering if he's fit to be president.

"Bat Boy is down to earth and speaks in sentence fragments that reporter's tough questions by biting him or, as happened recently, 'making guano' and throwing it to help make an important point."

A lot of Democrats agree with the pundit's assessment of a Kerry-Bat Boy ticket.

As a source at Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington puts it: "Bat Boy would put Kerry out front so fast that Bush's head would spin.

"His hard-hitting style plays perfectly off Kerry's stilted, patrician approach to the issues, which, let's face it, is a big turnoff to voters who'd rather hear a candidate just spit it out and lay off the hem-hawing and dissertations.

"Over the years, Bat Boy has proved that he is willing to cut to the chase and take decisive action regardless of the situation or complexity of the problem.

"At a backgrounder news conference here in Washington, a snooty British reporter asked Bat Boy how he would respond to critics who might question his qualifications for the vice presidency.

"Bat Boy instantly raised his leg and broke thunderous wind — and that was his entire response. You talk about turning the tables — not only did the reporter sit down and shut up, the whole room gave Bat Boy a standing ovation."

The half-human, half-bat's record as a war hero in Afghanistan and Iraq "certainly doesn't hurt his cause," continues a Kerry source.

"When it comes to his ideas on the war on terror, he's not just talking the talk, he's walking the walk.

"Bat Boy risked his life to flush Osama Bin Laden's Taliban henchmen out of their caves in Afghanistan when he served there with the Marines after 9/11.

"A lot of his work in Iraq was an unauthorized 'black operation' for the Pentagon.

"But more than a few people will tell you that if it weren't for Bat Boy, Saddam Hussein would still be eating candy bars and drooling over gay pornography in his spider hole in Tikrit."

Bat Boy reportedly contacted the Kerry campaign with the idea of signing on to the ticket in April, telling staffers in the disarmingly childlike jabbering he's famous for, "Everybody vote for Bat Boy. Everybody want Bat Boy in Washington. Me No. 1! Me No. 1. No, Kerry No. 1 — me No. 2! Me No. 2!"

And Bat Boy is, in fact, no stranger to politics.

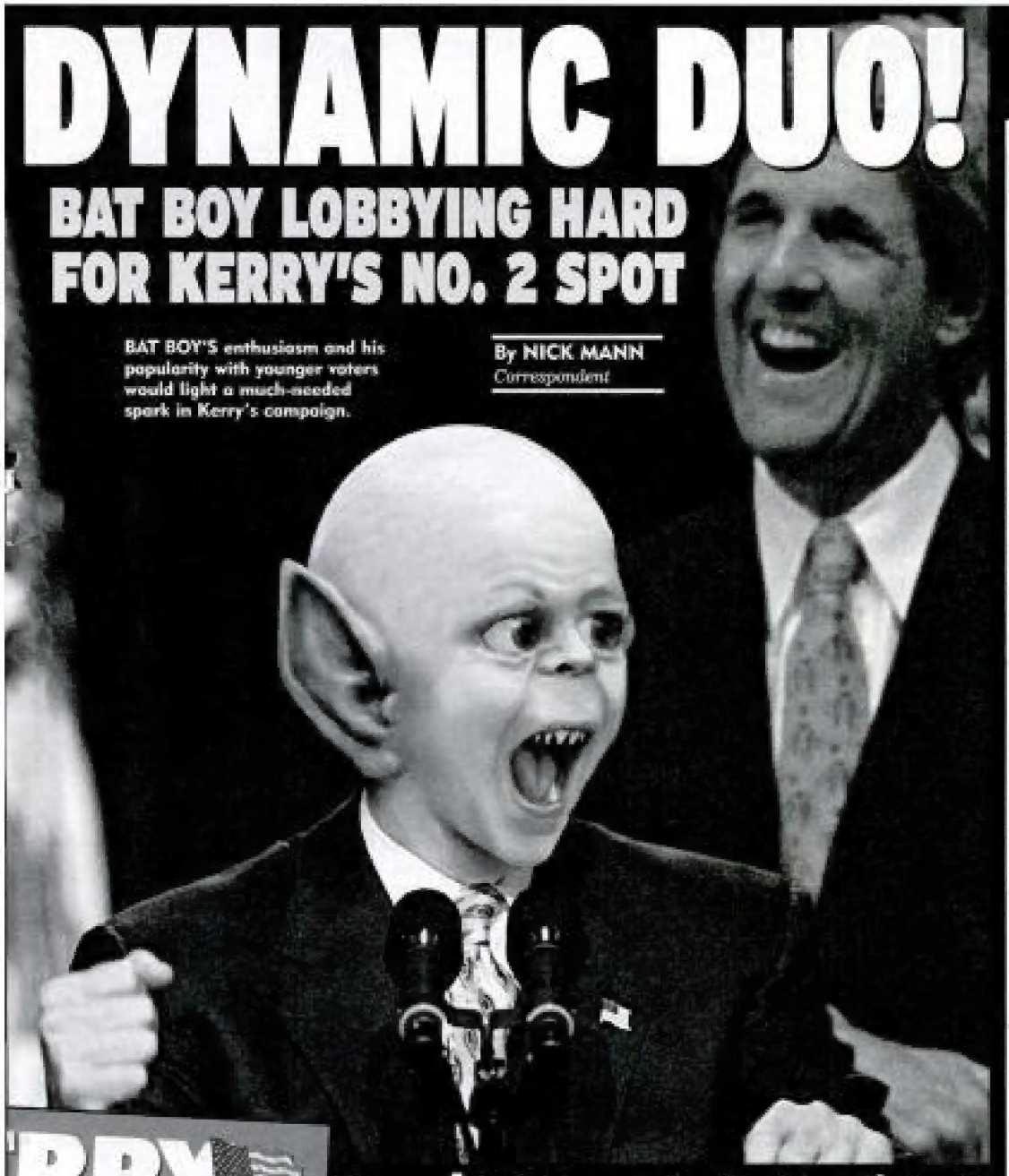
He made international headlines in 2000 when he endorsed the Democrat-

DYNAMIC DUO!

BAT BOY LOBBYING HARD FOR KERRY'S NO. 2 SPOT

BAT BOY'S enthusiasm and his popularity with younger voters would light a much-needed spark in Kerry's campaign.

By NICK MANN
Correspondent



Kerry/Bat Boy: That's the ticket!

RRY BAT BOY

eyed creature hugging and then playfully biting Gore remain among the most enduring images of the campaign.

While Kerry has yet to make up his mind about Bat Boy, President Bush has not. According to a White House source, he calls Bat Boy's attempt to join the Democratic ticket "not so good."

"He almost stole the 2000 election from us," the president told an aide. "We can't let that happen again."

chief presidential adviser and dirty-tricks maestro Karl Rove is said to be working overtime on a smear campaign to destroy Bat Boy's credibility.

"Bat Boy's past is unusual, anyway, so there's no doubt Rove and Bush can make some hay with it," says a Kerry insider.

"Since that college professor pulled him out of a cave in West Virginia in 1992, he's never fully acclimated to human culture, and he has a reputation for doing what the hell he wants to do regardless of the consequences.

from his Marine pay more than took care of the beer stains on the seats.

"But you can bet Rove and the Republicans are going to have a field day with that little escapade on the campaign trail if Kerry picks him as his running mate."

As for the legality of Bat Boy running for vice president, Democrats have determined that because the famed imp was born in the United States, he is a citizen despite the fact that he's not entirely human.

He is thought to be just 16 or 17 years old, adds the Democratic source, "but if you measure his age

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BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freshest news stories from around the globe!

MOM TRIES TO SELL DAUGHTER ON INTERNET!

A WOMAN and her boyfriend are facing charges of attempted child trafficking, after allegedly trying to auction off her daughter on the Internet!

And as if that's not disgusting enough, their first asking price was barely a dollar!

Lawmen in Traunstein, Germany, say the 41-year-old mom and her 35-year-old boyfriend posted a photo of the 8-year-old girl on an Internet auction site, with a starting price of $1.18. Bidding had reached just under $30 when the auction site's managers pulled the photo, about four hours later.

Prosecutors say the couple claimed only to be "testing" the auction site.

But the case is proceeding. Authorities throughout western Europe have grown concerned lately about an increase in human trafficking and in child-porn cases tied to the Internet.

DOG SWALLOWS 28 GOLF BALLS

THE OWNER of a German shepherd says he "was absolutely gobsmacked" when he found out what was making his pooch feel so poorly: The dog had swallowed 28 golf balls!

Mike Wardrop, of Manchester, England, took Libby to veterinarian Dr. John Ford because the dog was losing weight and refusing to eat. Ford ended up removing 28 balls, an operation that took more than two hours. Libby's doing fine now.

Libby apparently had swallowed the balls while being walked near the golf course where her master works.

"They weighed over six pounds," Wardrop says, "so it was no wonder Libby wasn't feeling well."

Ford says he didn't even need to do an X-ray to figure out the problem: "She was clanking and we could feel them in her stomach."

STUDY CHECKS OUT WORLD BEDROOM ANTICS

NOT everyone uses the bedroom for sex. In fact, Austrians hardly ever make love there. That's one of several eye-opening findings in a new study of how people around the world use their bedrooms.

The study, conducted by Gallup International for the Swedish furniture maker Ikea, surveyed people in Europe, Asia and North America. Other key findings:

Sex is the top bedroom activity in Malaysia, Iceland and Sweden, and 43 percent of Malaysians say they have sex there every day.

Only 20 percent of Chinese get busy in

THE CAT SHOULD CONSULT HIS VETERINARIAN BEFORE STARTING ANY DIET OR EXERCISE PROGRAM!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS ... Sound Off!

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DEAR EDITOR: In regard to your cover story in the May 10, 2004, issue, I would like to remind the world's fattest cat that, while low-carb programs can indeed help people (and apparently cats) to lose weight, the jury is still out as to how healthy these diets ultimately are. The cat should consult his veterinarian before going on any sort of diet or exercise program. — Dr. George K., Walla Walla, Wash.

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Dear Editor, I found your article on "Hip Ways to Get Holy" (May 10, 2004) very intriguing. In particular, I'm quite interested in checking out this sex-oriented Church of Perpetual Orgasm you mentioned. It sounds like just the thing for the lady in my life and me. I'd bring my wife too, but she's never been one for organized religion. — Dell P., Midland, Texas

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Dear Editor, I love Ed Anger and have enjoyed his many witty columns over the years. In fact, I have found myself in agreement with him time and time again. That is, until I read his column in the April 12 issue, "Outsourcing Is Good For America."

Oh, Ed . . . Have you forgotten that the bankers took away farmland from our great American farmers? Yes, the government jerked the land right out from under so many wonderful Americans over the years because little by little those boys in charge lost their respect for this country and many of its proudest citizens!

Ed may still have a job, but so many of his fellow Americans are suffering, and our government isn't helping us! Our young people are losing their teachers and have been forced to use outdated textbooks, while we give millions to professional athletes, actors and greedy drug companies. Meanwhile all the little people who make this country great are left in the lurch.

We need Ed Anger on the side of the people, so America can become a great nation again and stay that way! — Louise F., Canton, Ohio

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Dear *WWN*, I am completely outraged by the fact that some insane idiot like this Marsha Stackson person would even think of creating a reality TV show where people fight to the death (May 2, 2004)! All this moronic woman is trying to do is to bring more violence into America, which is of course the last thing we need. Most shocking of all, she actually proposes to have a portion of her show devoted to children having fistfights! Who in their right mind would allow their kids to participate in such a thing? What kind of sick, twisted mind does this woman have?

Hopefully this show will never make it on to the air. If it does, may God have mercy on all our souls! — Alisha O., Petal, Miss.

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Dear Editor, Your story about the lady who finds images of Condoleezza Rice on her tortillas prompted me to write about an experience of my own. Every time I fry an egg it looks like Ted Kennedy in his underpants. Is this a sign I should vote for John Kerry in the presidential election? — Randolph I., Tampa, Fla.

Letter of the Week

Dear *WWN*,

Thanks so very much for the excellent tips you provided in your article "How to House-Train Your Family Werewolf" (May 10, 2004). As it happens, my mother-in-law is a victim of lycanthropy, and she visits us often for overnight stays on the weekends. It used to be hell having her here on nights with a full moon. She is rarely very violent, but she would mess everywhere. I don't know how many sets of sheets we went through for the bed in the guest room. But now, thanks to the invaluable information you provided, when she needs to do her business she

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'I BOUGHT BRITNEY'S MINISKIRT — & NOW I SING LIKE HER!'

By KITTY FINE/*Correspondent*

CAN Britney Spears' cast-off clothing give someone who wears it the powerful singing voice of the superstar sensation?

Six months ago, *Weekly World News* reader Sally Dinnerton would've laughed at such a notion. But that was before she donned a mysterious miniskirt that she'd bought on an Internet auction site.

"I don't know if Britney actually owned it — maybe she did, maybe she didn't," says the 21-year-old manicurist from Los Angeles. "But I do know that when I'm wearing it, people tell me I sing just like her.

"And when I'm not wearing it, they beg me to stop before their ears start bleeding."

Dinnerton, who describes herself as a "major" Spears fan, says she wore the skirt to her cousin's wedding. "They had a karaoke machine, and I got up there and started belting out 'Hit Me Baby One More Time,' " she recalls. "The whole place just stopped — they all said they thought the DJ had put on a Britney CD."

While it can't be confirmed that Spears ever owned the barely-there mini, there's no doubt about the vocal changes Dinnerton undergoes when wearing it.

At *WWN*'s request, she performed several of Spears' hit songs while wearing the Britney skirt and while wearing her own clothes — and paranormal expert Werner Bronski, who listened with us, says that during the Britney-skirt renditions, "it was like listening to one of those greatest-hits albums."

The Vienna-based researcher says the skirt is probably emitting energy vibrations absorbed by its last wearer at a Britney Spears concert and during repeated playing of the pop princess' CDs. "If it was not worn by Miss Spears," he explains, "it could have belonged to one of her fans who listened obsessively to the star's music and attended many of her concerts. And of course when the wearer was surrounded by thousands of other adoring Britney Spears fans at concerts, the absorbed energy would be that much stronger.

"When the skirt's energy joined with Miss Dinnerton's equal admiration of the star, the energy could no longer be contained."

He says it's doubtful that other stars' clothing could have the same effect on their fans: "This phenomenon requires a perfect match of performer and fan, and a level of adulation that is beyond reason."

Dinnerton says she's thinking of becoming a professional singer, and believes her career will last as long as the skirt stands up to the wear and tear of showbiz. She says she's following Bronski's advice not to have it cleaned, in order to protect "the Britney vibes."

"If I'm careful, this skirt will last for years," she says. "And so will my career."

VEGETARIAN CANNIBALS PREY ON COMA VICTIMS!

The phrase "vegetarian cannibals" might sound like a contradiction in terms, but they really exist — and their numbers are growing, according to anthropologists. In an effort to be more "civilized," some high-minded jungle cannibals in New Guinea are now dining only on vegetables — people who are in irreversible comas.

"Tribesman have been raiding the hospital coma ward and seizing our patients," says Dr. Edward No-

HAPPY ENDING

WOULD you believe this luscious lady used to weigh 200 pounds? We didn't at first — but it's true! Tonya went from tubby to tantalizing by exercising and eating right. The 5-foot-8 stunner is now a slimmed-down 128 pounds, with the eye-popping proportions of 36C-25-36. Tonya, a blue-eyed blonde from Kentucky, has appeared in several fitness magazines and says they've changed her life. Don't you love it when a story turns

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OOPS! WE INVADED THE WRONG COUNTRY!

BUSH MEANT IRAN – NOT IRAQ! – reveals White House insider!

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

OOPS, HE DID IT AGAIN: President Bush has fumbled over words before.

THE U.S.-LED invasion of Iraq was a big goof, because President Bush misspoke when he said the country was a threat to the United States — he really meant Iran!

That is the shocking claim of a high-ranking White House official who's written a new book detailing how the president's inadvertent slip of the tongue put America on a path to war with the wrong country.

"After 9/11, we held meeting after meeting in which we discussed the urgency of dealing with Iran before it used its weapons of mass destruction," the adviser writes.

"When the president went on television and started talking about invading 'Iraq' there were literally groans in the room. But from that point on there was no turning back."

The startling revelation explains why U.S. weapons inspectors have failed to find any trace of nuclear or chemical weapons in Iraq in the year since Saddam was toppled.

Only a few tantalizing excerpts from the book, due out in October, have been leaked to the press. It was purportedly penned by a Cabinet-level "or near-Cabinet-level" aide involved in national security. The publisher thus far refuses to disclose the name of the author, but possible suspects include Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Donald Rumsfeld.

"This is the best-kept literary secret since the identity of the author of *Primary Colors*," the book's editor boasts. "And it will remain a mystery almost until the date the book arrives on store shelves.

"Americans will be caught up in the guessing game about who in the administration spilled the beans."

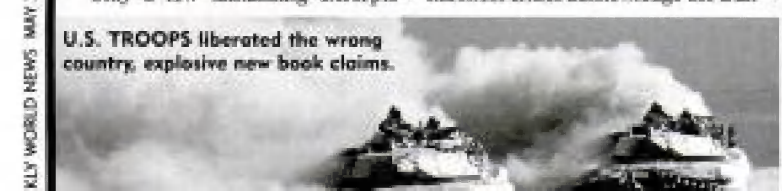
The president's habit of fumbling over words and mangling English grammar is legendary. And, although startled by the new claims, even his harshest critics acknowledge the Iran-versus-Iraq goof was "an easy one to make."

Admits a Senate Democrat, "Both countries were avowed enemies of the United States and the names do sound alike."

However, when it comes to the possible threat to America and her allies, the two nations were as different as night and day.

"As we assessed the threat level posed by various Middle Eastern countries after 9/11, we concluded that Saddam Hussein's military strength had been wiped out by back-to-back defeats in his ill-fated forays into Iran and Kuwait," the official writes.

"We told the president, 'This guy is



U.S. TROOPS liberated the wrong country, explosive new book claims.

Iran on the other hand, is Grand Central Station for Islamic extremists, aides warned Bush.

"It's a country that avidly funds and supports global terrorism. Worse, the leaders are secretly producing weapons of mass destruction," the adviser writes.

"We expected the president to go on the air and prepare the American people for an invasion of Iran. Obviously, that didn't happen."

Despite the president's gaffe, the adviser strongly supports his reelection, dismissing Sen. John Kerry as a dove.

The mystery author writes: "The important thing now is for the American people to rally around the president when he orders the military to

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WHAT THE DEVIL?

Nebraskans want to know why Satan's in their state

HUNDREDS OF flabbergasted Nebraskans claim to have spotted Satan in a series of chilling encounters that have left citizens, cops and clergymen puzzling over the same question: What is the Devil doing in the Cornhusker State?

The scaly skinned, yellow-eyed Evil One reportedly has defiled churches, lorded over car accidents, skulked around hospitals, knocked over trash cans, and, in one particularly heinous incident, poked a slow-moving senior citizen with a pitchfork while hissing, "Hurry it up, granny, or I'll send you straight to Hell."

"Why are people seeing Satan in Nebraska? We don't know, but we want answers — fast," says a criminal investigator with the Nebraska Highway Patrol, which is assisting local authorities with the remarkable case.

"This isn't New York City or Las Vegas or Baghdad where you'd expect to see the Devil.

"This is Nebraska, the Midwest, farm country — and we're God-fearing folks.

"But people are seeing Satan. And it isn't just their imaginations playing tricks. We have dozens of eyewitness reports from solid citizens. We've got photographs.

"And there's no way you could miss making the ID. This thing is beet red with skin like a lizard. He has yellow eyes with vertical slits. He has two stubby horns growing out of his head.

"He's also got a long tail that ends in a sharp, barbed tip. Make no mistake — this is a classic description of Satan.

"And if you look at your history, you'll see that wherever the Devil turns up, trouble always follows."

Reports of Satan sightings began to trickle into police departments in small towns like Blair, Tekamah, Pender, Hartington, Plainview, Atkinson, Taylor and Loup in mid April.

Caught off guard, head-scratching cops at first simply wrote them off.

But as days passed, and claims of more sightings poured in, the investigative unit of the State Highway Patrol stepped up to the plate.

Investigators quickly established that the threat was both real and serious.

They have since determined that the Devil first appeared in Blair in the extreme east-central part of the state.

And he has steadily moved from town to town in such a way that "if you connect the dots on a map, you get a crude rendition of a devil's face," the highway patrol investigator says.

Even stranger, Satan has left a bizarre calling card at churches in every city he's visited — a small, reddish coin that looks like a penny. But when you try to hold it for more than a few seconds, it glows white hot, reaching temperatures of up to 550 degrees Fahrenheit, about the same heat generated by the broiler in an oven but with no apparent power source.

Baptist preacher Dr. Noah Moredy says he caught the Devil pouring caustic lye in a baptismal font on the grounds of his church.

"I thought it was a college student in a Halloween suit," says the 63-year-old clergyman. "But when I confronted him, he waved his arms and disappeared in a whoosh of fire that looked like something flung up out of the bowels of Hell itself."

A 56-year-old woman who asked that her name not be used said she caught Satan knocking over the trash cans in her backyard. When she pointed a shotgun at him, she says, "he just laughed in my face.

"He said, 'I'll see you in Hell' —

Doctors and nurses at two hospitals told authorities they've seen the Devil standing in the parking lot and pointing at windows in rooms where patients have died.

He also, according to one hospital administrator, "disguised himself as a doctor to gain admission to a surgical theater and was wholly responsible for leaving a soft drink can and half-eaten bag of peanuts in a patient's abdominal cavity," requiring emergency surgery to remove them.

"Satan was last seen in Omaha and there's no telling where he might pop up next," says the highway patrol source. "I wish I could say he was gone for good, but we have no reason to believe he's through with Nebraska yet.

"He should be considered unarmed but still extremely dangerous," adds the investigator. "Anyone who sees the Devil should get away as quickly and possible and then call 911."

— *By DONNA ARBOGAST*

SEVERAL "accidents" have been cropping up all over the Cornhusker

CORNHUSKER STATE

- **In 1927, Edwin E. Perkins of Hastings invented the powdered soft drink Kool-Aid — which is now the official soft drink of the state.**
- **The only roller skating museum in the world is in Lincoln, Neb.**
- **Nature's totem, the awe-inspiring, 325-foot spire of Chimney Rock in Nebraska, informed Pony Express riders and frontiersmen they had crossed the American plains and that mountains lay ahead.**
- **Nebraska has more miles of river than any other state.**

'MY AFGHAN HOUND TALKS!'

'But I don't understand a word he's saying,' declares owner

ANNETTE Tolore's dog talks a mile a minute — but only in an obscure Middle Eastern dialect that hardly anyone understands.

EXCITED secretary Annette Tolore's Afghan hound is house-trained and smart — and he talks a blue streak.

Unfortunately, the language Sparky uses is an obscure Uzbeki dialect that only a handful of university scholars and people living in the hills of Afghanistan can make heads or tails of.

"My dog yaks like a mynah bird but I don't understand a word he's saying," declares Tolore, 38, of Baltimore. "And what really gets under my skin is that ignorant people like my neighbors and friends don't think he's talking at all.

"They say the noises he makes aren't words. But I've talked to an expert who told me Sparky's speaking in a weird dialect used only by a few hill tribes in Afghanistan, which makes sense because Sparky is an Afghan hound.

"I'm sure he's trying to tell me something important," she adds. "Suppose he's making prophecies? Or maybe he's trying to give me winning lottery numbers or warn me from making a trip that could result in my injury or death.

"There aren't all that many dogs out there that can talk. This is a big deal."

Tolore says she bought the hound for $700 two years ago but he didn't do anything "but run around and bark and chew up my shoes and underwear" until January, when she inadvertently left her TV tuned to the Middle East's Al-Jazeera news channel while she went shopping.

By TED CANNADY
Correspondent

"When I got home Sparky was glued to the screen, watching a news segment on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan," says Tolore.

"After that, I noticed he was making very strange noises. At first I thought he had gotten into the garbage pail in my kitchen and something had made him sick.

"But after a few days, I realized there was a pattern to the noises. He kept making a lot of the same sounds over and over again, and there was a rhythm to them, like somebody talking in sentences."

Tolores says friends laughed in her face and called her crazy when she suggested the dog was trying to talk.

In frustration, she called a local college, flicked on her speaker phone — and let an expert listen to Sparky.

Once the professor confirmed that the pooch was speaking in an obscure Uzbeki dialect, she telephoned several major newspapers — *Weekly World News* among them — in the hope that someone who speaks the language would read about Sparky and help her with translations.

A *WWN* reporter who learned a little Uzbeki while she was embedded with U.S. troops in Afghanistan in 2002 visited Tolore and Sparky a few days later.

But prize-winning journalist Candace Creighton could identify only a few of Sparky's words, none of which made much sense to her — although she admits the dog "could be speaking in some kind of a code."

"I heard 'dog,' 'dwindle,' 'Buddha,' 'pineapple,' 'grotesque' and 'prune,' " says our stumped scribbler.

"Apart from that, I couldn't understand a word. The dog speaks a rare form of Uzbeki, indeed."

Undaunted, Tolore still hopes to find a native Afghani who speaks the dialect and is willing to translate more than four hours of audio it up — and also listen to the dog talking in real time.

"I'll go to President Bush if I have to," says the woman. "For all we know Sparky has information that could help us find Bin Laden and win the war on terror."

ANNETTE says that Sparky may be trying to tell her something important — like winning lottery numbers or a warning of some

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The Adventures of BAT BOY!

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BIZARRE PREGNANCY SHOCKS DOCTORS!

A SONOGRAM at far left shows CeCelia Yurnee's baby developing normally. That makes up for all the strange looks and the physical discomfort of her back-borne pregnancy, she says.

EXPECTANT MOM IS CARRYING UNBORN CHILD ON HER BACK!

Her uterus shifted around to her shoulders, say docs

By KAY CALLAHAN
Correspondent

MOM-TO-BE CeCelia Yurnee has quite a burden on her shoulders — it's her unborn child, who's not growing in her tummy but on her back!

The 25-year-old Louisiana woman's uterus somehow shifted around to her back and then migrated up near her shoulder blades, according to astounded obstetrical specialists who have been closely observing Yurnee's peculiar pregnancy.

"It's pretty uncomfortable, and I get a lot of strange looks on the street — I look like a hunchback," says Yurnee, who's six months pregnant with her first child. "But as long as my baby is healthy, it's worth it."

Yurnee's doctor did think at first that she was developing some kind of growth on her back. But in the preliminary exam, before Yurnee was to undergo an X-ray of her back, he thought he detected a second heartbeat.

"He kind of laughed and said, 'Gee, maybe that's a baby up there — let's see,'" she recalls. "He called in a sonogram technician and sure enough, there it was.

"I thought the doctor was going to pass out from shock."

Three months later, Yurnee is happy to say the baby is developing normally. She hopes to work one more month at her job as a legal secretary before being confined to bed rest.

"It's not that my health or the baby's health is in any danger," she says, "it's just that in another month they don't think I'll be able to sit or stand with the baby on my shoulders."

It's already quite a strain, she says. She's experiencing even more backache than pregnant women usually suffer, and has to cope with severe headaches that doctors believe are related to the increasing pressure on her upper nervous system.

But Yurnee says there are some advantages to her jaw-dropping gestation.

She's had almost no morning sickness. She doesn't have to see all the presses on the bladder.

Best of all, she says, "I'm not getting fat."

Yurnee has gained some weight, but her tummy won't be stretching out beyond her toes — and she won't have to kill herself to tighten her abdominal muscles after the baby is born. In fact, carrying the baby on her back has proven to be excellent exercise for her abdominals.

Yurnee's doctors believe the upper back may even be a safer position for the baby, who is less vulnerable than he might be on the front of Yurnee's body.

But the amazing mom-to-be says she fully intends to get her uterus fixed after the baby's born. "I want a normal baby, and I want a normal

ANGEL DOG SAVES WOMAN!

RICHLAND, Wash. — A woman trapped by a raging river was saved by a special angel: A dog wearing wings and a halo!

Sources say the woman had fallen into the Columbia River and was shivering on an embankment. She was spotted by a Labrador retriever who was wearing an angel outfit for a costume party.

President Bush & Prime Minister Tony Blair vindicated . . .

TROOPS FIND SADDAM'S WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION

PRESIDENT BUSH must celebrate privately, to keep others from developing their own slingshots.

By MICHAEL FORSYTH/Correspondent

COALITION FORCES have finally located Saddam Hussein's secret weapon of mass destruction — and it turns out to be a 160-foot-tall slingshot!

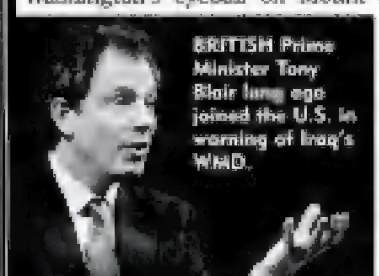
The ingenious superweapon, found in the Iraqi desert outside Al Rutbah, was powerful enough to lob a "boulder larger than George Washington's eyeball on Mount Rushmore" into downtown Tel Aviv, intelligence sources confirm.

"Everyone assumed Saddam was going high-tech, but he was clever enough to go low-tech," says a CIA insider.

The stunning discovery, made by a U.S. Marine detachment, is being hailed as "an incredible vindication" for President Bush and his close ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The two had justified the invasion of Iraq by warning that Saddam had WMDs.

"A single humongous slingshot is not what they originally had in mind, but it certainly qualifies," the CIA source declares.

Unfortunately, although the White House would love to publicly crow about having been right all along about WMDs, the find must be kept secret because if word got out, "anyone in Syria, Iran or Libya could easily build a battery of these things," a senior administration aide explains.



BRITISH Prime Minister Tony Blair long ago joined the U.S. in warning of Iraq's WMD.

Lackland explains: "These slingshots don't require enriched uranium, exotic toxins or scientists with advanced degrees in nuclear physics or biochemistry. All you need is engineers with a basic understanding of concepts such as potential energy."

The immense slingshot, officially known as the C-187 Allah's Avenger, employs thick 600-foot bands made of a super-strong rubber. The bands and projectile are pulled back with the aid of trucks — then the "let it rip" order is given, the bands are released and the projectile is sent flying.

"It operates on the same principle as the slingshot that Dennis the Menace always carried in his back pocket, but it's hundreds of times more powerful," explains the CIA source. "It can deliver a compact boulder weighing as much as 10 tons a distance of close to 1,000 miles.

"The stone projectile can knock over a skyscraper like a wrecking ball, creating a chain reaction that spread earthquake-like shockwaves.

"Saddam could certainly have used such a weapon to threaten his neighbors. And, chillingly, plans have been recovered for an even larger slingshot that would have had the capability of striking U.S. soil."

At one time, the U.S. Department of Defense actually considered plans to develop a similar weapons system to get around nuclear arms treaties, but the scheme was abandoned at the end of the Cold War, expert Lackland reveals.

While the C-187 was designed as a potent weapon, it also had an important symbolic purpose.

"That symbolism would certainly not have been lost on the Israelis," Lackland notes. "Remember, it was a stone and sling that David used to kill Goliath.

"The Philistines are believed to be the ancestors of modern-day Palestinians. Saddam's use of a similar weapon to defeat Israel would have been his way of telling the en-

KOREAN WAR VETERAN INVENTS TIME MACHINE

– so he can go back to 1950 and save his ambushed platoon!

HAUNTED by his buddies' deaths, Charles Leverworth has spent his life finding a way to go back and fix history's mistake.

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

A VETERAN of the Korean War has devoted his life to building a time machine — so that he can go back to 1950 and save his ambushed platoon!

Retired high-school science teacher Charles Leverworth says the deaths of his seven comrades have haunted him for more than 50 years. And he's convinced that the amazing device he's just months from completing — dubbed the Tachyon Hologram Emitter — can correct history's mistake.

"Some theoretical physicists maintain the past can't be changed," says Leverworth, 74. "How do we know? Nobody has ever tried."

Leverworth was a 20-year-old GI on Nov. 22, 1950, when his platoon, on patrol along a jungle path near the Sudong Gorge, walked into an ambush.

"All of a sudden we found ourselves pinned down by enemy fire," the oldster vividly recalls. "One by one, I watched my buddies get cut to ribbons."

Leverworth himself was severely wounded but crawled out of the jungle hours later — the sole survivor of the attack.

"I kept telling the Army doctors, 'It shouldn't have happened. Can't somebody go back and fix it?' " the vet remembers. "I was diagnosed with combat shock and given an honorable discharge."

But even after returning to his native New Mexico, Leverworth couldn't shake his notion that the tragic events of that day could be reversed.

"I'd think obsessively, 'If only something could have warned us to backward in time," Leverworth explains. "By arranging these particles — known as tachyons — into a pattern, it's possible to send a picture into the past.

"My machine will capture a video image of myself frantically waving my arms and turn it into a hologram that materializes on that path in 1950."

Leverworth needs $80,000 to complete his machine and has applied for a grant from Uncle Sam. He has a stack of encouraging letters from fellow physicists, who use words like "interesting" to describe his work.

But officials at the National Science Foundation are wary.

"I'm sure Mr. Leverworth's buddies were all great guys. But who knows what effect they would have had on history if they'd lived?" one official notes. "One might innocent-

Taking advantage of the GI Bill, Leverworth went to college and majored in physics. After graduation, he found himself employed as a nuclear scientist involved in atomic weapons design.

"All that time, I was soaking up ideas," he reveals. "A rudimentary plan for a time machine began to form in my mind."

Leverworth turned to teaching because it afforded him the maximum time to devote to his private project. And in the nine years since he retired, he's poured every penny he's managed to save or invest — more than $400,000 — into his homemade time machine.

The huge contraption, which takes up most of Leverworth's basement in Santa Fe, looks like a Rube Goldberg device. But the former teacher insists it's based on sound scientific principles.

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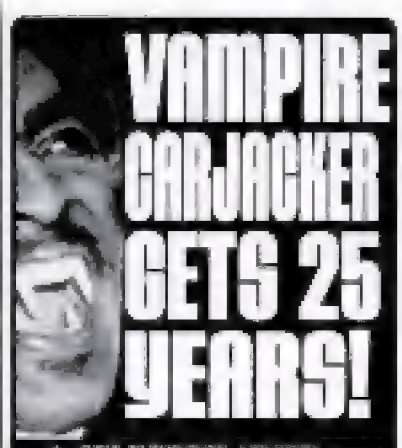

VAMPIRE CARJACKER GETS 25 YEARS!

A SELF-PROCLAIMED vampire who threatened to kill a top general and drink his blood was sentenced to 25 years in the slammer!

Blood-slurping Pitso Mokubung and an accomplice carjacked South African Gen. Abel Ndwamondo after the military man stopped to give a lift to a woman and her three children, prosecutors say.

The gun-slinging lunatic forced Gen. Ndwamondo to surrender his ATM card and pin number, threatening that if his orders were not obeyed, his captives would be drained dry.

"He said that they would kill me and drink my blood," still-shaken Gen. Ndwamondo testified in court. As Mokubung went to the ATM, the general jumped out of the vehicle and yelled for help. Cops nabbed the blood-drinking carjacker although his companion escaped.

After the real-life vampire was tried and convicted by a Pretoria court, a judge threw the book at him, the *Pretoria News* reports.

"I don't think a person who robs people and bullies and harasses them should be treated with kid gloves," Magistrate Allan Cowan declared as he pronounced sentence.

CROSS MAKING IS SPORT IN ROMANIA!

HOW LONG would it take you to make a wooden cross, using just a couple of sticks and a roll of duct tape?

Unless you're McGyver, its probably longer than it takes Stefan Mitrea, of Constanta, Romania, who can whip together a sturdy cross in just 11. 5 seconds.

In Eastern European countries, where belief in vampires is still common, peasants become adept at making emergency crosses in a hurry — and there's even an annual contest in which citizens compete for the best

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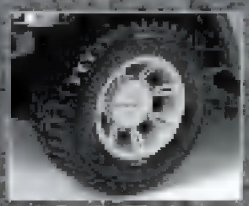

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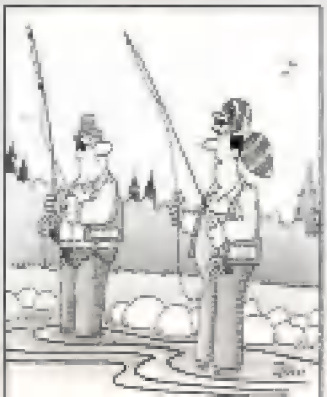

FRENCH FARTOLOGIST HEADS FOR U.S.

By ANNIE VAN HORNE
Correspondent

HENRI "The Flame" Rousseau claims that the French people have lost their sense of humor and wants to bring his art to the U.S.

FAMED fart-lighting ace Henri "The Flame" Rousseau has vowed to leave his native France and bring his spellbinding behind to the United States, claiming his countrymen "have lost their backbone and are no longer worthy of my art."

And finding an eager audience in the U.S. ought to be a slam dunk for the smelly, 32-year-old superstar, who belies the power of the inflammable, methane-rich fumes he produces copiously at will.

His American fan base has numbered in the tens of thousands since 2001, when he turned heads on both sides of the Atlantic by cutting loose with five whooshing, nose-shriveling "red eyes" in just 30 minutes before a packed concert hall in Paris.

For those who aren't up on the nuances of cutting cheese in the big leagues, a "red eye" is the coveted, tiny, crimson glow at the heart of a surrounding blue flame that occurs only when perfectly broken wind is optimal combustion.

The crimson glow is the Holy Grail of fart lighters — and ripping out five qualifies the performer as an ace.

With no fewer than 38 spectacular red-eyes to his credit, Rousseau is an ace many times over, and, arguably, the most accomplished tootmeister on the planet.

"Before me, another Frenchman, Pierre La Salle, was the only man to become an ace in a single day," boasts Rousseau, cocking his head slightly to listen to one of the impromptu poots he often uses to add emphasis to his statements.

"He eventually produced 57 red eyes before he experienced a backdraft and went down in flames at a bar in Lyons."

Rousseau, who proudly calls himself a fartulogist, says he is leaving his homeland "for good, because Frenchmen who used to revel in broken wind now want to act like it is tacky and unbecoming.

"But Americans have picked up the banner — they are rude, crude, lewd and proud of it. The popularity of Howard Stern proves it."

In fact, Stern's alter-ego — "Fart Man" — dresses in tights and a cape like a superhero and also sets fire to

achieved even one red eye, much less the five he needs to become an ace.

Rousseau says his ambition is to "light up" Carnegie Hall, where he hopes to repeat his Paris triumph before an American audience.

Asked about the possibility of a deadly backdraft cutting short his career or even killing him, Rousseau hesitates as if to contemplate his response, scratches his head, lifts his right leg slightly, farts briskly, and then scuffs at the danger.

"Fart lighting is a perilous pastime, and men like the great ace La Salle have died for their art," he says, sniffing the air to judge the pungency of the fumes that always seem to surround him.

"You just have to accept the danger and carry on farting or get out of the business.

"This is not an occupation for the timid."

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Hillbillies are IN Cowboys are OUT

BUDDY EBSEN as Jed Clampett, the head redneck of *The Beverly Hillbillies*, was way ahead of his time.

COWBOYS have been hot for darn near 30 years but at long last the times are a-changing — and hillbillies are in!

That's the word from sociologist Dr. Margaret Wathers, who says beautiful people in Hollywood, New York, Miami and other fashion hot spots have fallen head over heels for "corn-pone chic" that's poised to dominate fashion, film, TV, music, books and popular culture for years to come.

And it's just a matter of time before cool guys and gals everywhere realize that:

- Pointy-toed cowboy boots are yesterday's news. For men and women, mismatched wingtips with the toes cut out are "howl."
- Tight jeans and Western-cut shirts are out. Overalls and corncob pipes are in.
- Nobody's drinking Lone Star beer anymore — 190-proof moonshine and home-brewed peach brandy are the drinks of the day.
- Sleek new pickup trucks are bo-hum — 1949 Fords with scooped-up "Thunder Road" engines are in high demand.
- Popping up on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills is Nowheresville, baby. Fashionable guys and gals say "Tobacco Road" — the mountain-town equivalent of a big-city ghetto — is THE place to be seen, preferably after you blow into town on a bus.
- Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks and Faith Hill are totally uncool. Bluegrass king Doc Watson, Tammy Wynette and any band featuring a washboard, a jug and a Jew's harp are the cat's pajamas.
- Strong, independent cowgirls are out. Barefoot and pregnant hillbilly babes are in.
- Holding a job — a major source of pride for cowboys — is soooooooo stupid. These days, figuring out how to get on welfare is what any self-respecting hillbilly wannabe ought to be doing.
- Brash, bold, independent cowboy "tudes" are very old hat. In the realm of corn-pone chic, docility, meekness and meekness are traits du jour.

GARTH BROOKS and all his country-western pals are totally uncool.

"And this is just the tip of the iceberg of social and cultural changes that are occurring as the avant-garde embrace hillbilly chic as the next big thing," says the Boston-based sociologist.

"In Hollywood, there are at least eight major films in the offing that will celebrate the hillbilly way of life, including a set-in-the-hills-of-West Virginia remake of Gone With the Wind that replaces Scarlett O'Hara's grand old mansion with a house trailer.

"But as radical as some of this might sound, the truth is, there's a simplicity and sincerity to the hillbilly way of life that's appealing to more and more people.

"What I'm hearing from some very with it people is that sipping moonshine, puffing reflectively on a corncob pipe and watching *The Beverly Hillbillies* reruns on TV is the perfect antidote for the toxic world we live in."

— By FRANK HUNTLEY

WHISTLING KEEPS GHOSTS AWAY, RESEARCHERS CLAIM

WANT to scare off a ghost? Just whistle, experts advise. Spirit entities hate the sound and beat a hasty retreat when they hear it. According to a study released by the prestigious Carlyle Institute for Psychic Research, spirits can hear a far wider range of frequencies than living hu-

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VENUS FLYTRAP ATE MY CAT!

By JANE MARX/*Correspondent*

HORRIFIED housewife Anne Jefferds says her cat was eaten by a gigantic plant that could have invaded her garden from outer space.

The Michigan mom-of-two says she watched in shock and revulsion as the 6-foot-tall, meat-eating Venus flytrap devoured her 10-year-old tomcat, Timmy. "I can still hear poor Timmy's pitiful mewing as that evil thing forced him down its gullet," she says, tears filling her eyes.

"Thank God the kids were at school when it happened."

Jefferds says she found the plant in her garden four weeks ago. "It was a lot smaller, maybe six inches high, when I first found it out there. I'd always wanted a Venus flytrap, so I put it in a pot and brought it inside."

Jefferds says the plant began growing at a dramatic rate, much faster than it should have on the flies and occasional scrap of raw hamburger that her 8- and 10-year-old sons fed to it. "It must have doubled in size in just a week," she says. "It finally got so big I had to have my husband move it from a countertop to the floor."

Jefferds says the plant attacked Timmy as the cat walked past it one day. "It just bent down and snapped him up," she says. "Just like that monster flytrap in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

"We wouldn't let the kids go into the living room for several days, while we tried to find someone to haul that thing away."

Jefferds called police, who referred her to agricultural researchers from the federal government. The feline-eating flytrap was finally removed by agents claiming to be from that program — but Jefferds says one of the men let it slip that they were actually from an alien-bioterrorism project based in Utah.

"One of them pulled me aside and told me that the plant is 'alien and very dangerous.' But that's all he would say."

A NASA source says the plant is being studied at a top-secret lab in the Utah desert — where, astonishingly, several dozen such E.T. flytraps are under observation. They're believed to have grown from alien seed pods that have been drifting through space for thousands of years.

"We've been getting photo transmissions of these pods for years," he says. "At first we thought they were just ordinary space dust, but then we started getting reports of Venus flytraps attacking small animals, and someone finally connected the dots."

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, says NASA scientists have not yet figured out what purpose the flytrap-seeding serves.

"I don't think they're the alien race themselves — these things are dangerous and pretty well able to attack anything close by, but they're still basically immobile, having planted themselves in the ground. One of our strongest theories — although, really, it's about the only theory — is that the flytraps are performing some sort of environmental preparation for a race that intends to relocate to Earth — perhaps removing some of the their natural predators.

"But of course, we don't have enough to go on to be able to do more than guess here."

Whatever answers there are, the Jefferds family hopes they come soon.

"We still haven't told the children that Timmy's gone," Ann says. "They

MOM FACES FINES AND JAIL TIME OVER FAT BABY'S TOXIC POOPIE DIAPERS!

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY has labeled a fat baby's diaper pails "a toxic and illegal dump" and ordered an immediate cleanup.

Agency sources in Washington say investigators responding to complaints from neighbors found 17 galvanized garbage cans stuffed with dirty diapers in the one-car garage that adjoins the house where the 14-month-old baby boy and his mother live.

"Diaper pails are nothing more than above-ground septic tanks and they have to be emptied in a timely fashion," says an EPA source who visited the site in Cheraw, S.C.

"The mother's reluctance to dispose of the diapers promptly warrants quick and decisive action. Raw sewage endangers the public health. I've seen manufacturing facilities with less toxic waste."

The mother's name has been withheld to protect the identity of the baby, who is known only as Baby Huey.

Neighbors say they learn that her son "had been singled out" when investigators arrived at her home with a search warrant.

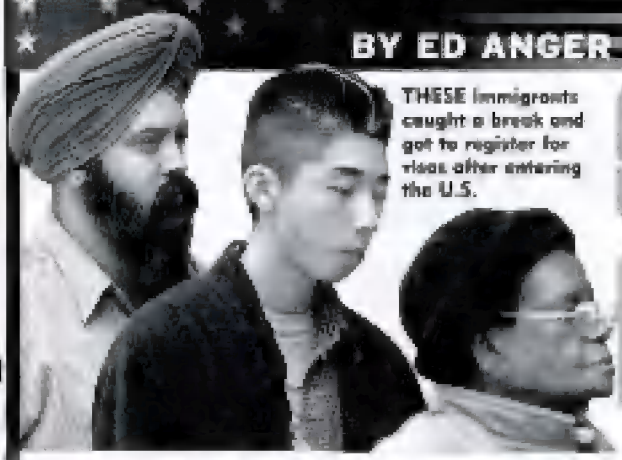
The EPA source acknowledges that the agency seldom interferes with individuals but says the sheer volume of the fat baby's doody makes him a glaring exception.

The woman has been given a week to dispose of the waste properly or the EPA will hire a contractor and send her the

My America

Ed says: LET'S STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

BY ED ANGER



THESE immigrants caught a break and got to register for visas after entering the U.S.

— BEFORE THEY OUTNUMBER THE REST OF US!

I'M MADDER than Pancho Villa with a tangled cartridge belt at how illegal immigration from Mexico is skyrocketing again after we supposedly tightened up our borders after 9/11.

According to the Associated Press, the Border Patrol says the number of wetbacks they've picked up has jumped 25 percent in the last few months. The trouble started back in January when President Bush proposed giving "guest status" to illegal aliens already working in the United States.

As y'all know, I think the world of Dubya — but that idea was plum loco. Now, every day thousands of these burrito-eating lowlifes swarm across the border trying to get in under the wire and land work by the time the law passes.

Folks, according to my calculations, the way we're going, in six years, illegal aliens will outnumber the rest of us.

When Mexican wetbacks and their buddies from other backward places are running the show, expect some big changes in America. For instance:

- Bullfighting will replace baseball and football as our national pastime. Next time Janet Jackson flashes her hooter at the halftime show, it will be during a match between some swishy matador in hot pants and a bull named El Diablo.
- America's national food will be the taco instead of the hamburger.
- Instead of good old Billy Graham advising our president on spiritual matters, the commander in chief will be getting an earful from a loony ayatollah, swami, Tibetan monk or voodoo master.
- Instead of being loyal companions, dogs will be fast food.
- We won't speak English — we'll be talking some jibberish that sounds like a mix of Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and Russian.
- At the senior prom your daughter will be decked out in one of those ugly head-to-toe burqas instead of a pretty dress.

Well, yours truly has the perfect solution — and it's a lot cheaper than my original idea of building a 45-foot-tall wall at our southern border and another one to keep those French-jabbering snowbirds from Canada out.

Let's just stop bragging to the rest of the world about how great life is in the U.S. of A.

Naturally, if you tell foreigners the streets are paved with gold, there's a chicken in every pot and all that good stuff, they'll want to hop on anything that floats to get over here. So I say we let on that we're the poorest, oldest, most dangerous and un-free country on the planet.

And in all the movies we send overseas, let's stick our ugliest actresses, like Sandra Bernhard, instead of those bosomy blondes that get foreign men so hot and bothered about coming to America.

Before you know it, the flood of illegal immigrants will slow down to a trickle — I guarantee it.

Hey, other countries may already be using my idea. We think that places like Angola are Third World hellholes where everyone is poor, there's always famine and civil war going on and if the AIDS doesn't get you, the Ebola virus will. But who really knows?

It could be that every one of those places is a paradise like Shangri-La, but the locals don't want to spoil it by letting pesky foreigners in!

WETBACKS would stop pouring into our country if we didn't brag about what a great

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

NOW MUGGERS ARE USING ETHER

CUSTOMERS are being warned to be on their guard against a cruel new robbery tactic at malls and other shopping centers. Muggers are knocking out their victims with a whiff of ether — which they get them to sniff by claiming it's a perfume sample!

Police in at least a dozen states are investigating cologne-con attacks that have left victims stripped of their money, jewels and dignity.

"That's what hurts the most. My money, my watch — those are just things," says a 50-year-old Minneapolis woman who was attacked in April. "But the fact that I was unconscious while they were just taking what they wanted . . . God knows what else they could have been doing."

— one sniff & they rob you blind!

Her mugging was typical, according to investigators, who've heard the story again and again from angry, humiliated victims:

The gang usually works in pairs, in the parking areas of busy malls or downtown shopping districts. They catch a victim's attention by commenting, "That's a lovely perfume you're wearing — how would you like to get it for half-price?"

Intrigued, the victim usually stops. The mugger takes out a piece of cardboard, claiming it has a perfume sample sprayed onto it. The victim sniffs the cardboard — and is immediately overcome by ether fumes, making him or her easy pickings for the mugger.

"It's ingenious," says a Detroit cop. "Everybody's seen those models in the department stores spraying cardboard strips and asking us to sniff them, so this is going to seem perfectly reasonable. But it can be deadly — some people are fatally allergic to ether. And last week we had a minor head injury when the victim fell to the ground."

Police say the sniff-and-steal gang usually targets petite women, who are more susceptible to the gas fumes. They point out that women also are more likely than men to take the time to stop for a stranger.

Some victims have not actually passed out, but have simply become distracted by the repugnant odor.

"It's usually enough for them to grab something, though," says a Boston detective.

"And if you're a really good pickpocket, this is an even better opportunity. You can lift wallets and jewelry at your leisure, while the mark thinks you're just helping them find a place to sit down and recover."

Police recommend shopping with a friend to prevent an attack. If you're alone, avoid isolated areas.

If approached, "don't even look them in the eye to tell them you're not interested," says a veteran San Francisco detective.

"Just keep walking."

SHOPPING with a friend is the best way to avoid a cologne-con attack, police say.

CRIME BLOTTER

COPS: BROTHER KILLED BROTHER OVER DIRTY PLATE

TWO brothers got into a violent fight that ended with one stabbing the other to death — and cops say it started because the dead man had left a dirty plate in the kitchen sink!

Police in Tucson, Ariz., say the 50- and 45-year-old brothers, who live with their 73-year-old mother, were drinking. The men allegedly started fighting when the younger brother put a dirty dish in the sink that the older brother had just cleaned.

The fight escalated and spilled into the front yard, where the older brother allegedly stabbed the younger man. The victim died later at a local hospital, and the surviving brother faces a possible first-degree murder charge.

GUARDS TRICKED OUT OF CASH

EMBARRASSED security guards admit they lost $372,000 to a gang of robbers who distracted them by tossing money on the floor.

The Malaysian guards say they had put their bag of cash on the floor while waiting for an elevator at a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur. A group of men approached and dropped several bills, which the guards thought had come from their own bag. While the guards were picking up the loose loot, the tricksters grabbed the big haul and took off.

The guards didn't report the theft for two hours, as they desperately tried to find the men so they'd be less shamed at getting taken.

SENIOR BUSTED FOR NUDITY

A 60-YEAR-OLD Arizona man was busted for swinging on a rope across a creek — totally naked!

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office says the senior swinger was arrested at Beaver Creek Campground, after alarmed calls from turned-off picnickers. He was charged with indecent exposure.

Deputies say the uncovered codger insisted he hadn't meant to offend anyone

DOPE OF THE WEEK

SUSPECT 'CONFESSED' TO ROBBERY IN TO-DO LIST

MANY people stay organized by making lists of chores and upcoming projects, but John Sarver was a little too organized. At the top of his to-do list was this moronic memo: "Rob bank"!

An FBI spokesman in Kansas City, Mo., says agents found the list in Sarver's car when he was interviewed as a suspect in six bank robberies. The spokesman says the note didn't make the case against Sarver — but it didn't hurt.

Sarver later pleaded guilty to the string of robberies that took place at Kansas and Missouri banks in 2002 and 2003.

He's due for sentencing in July, and could get 20 years without pa-

Expert reveals surefire tips . . .

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEW JOB

– & NEVER GET FIRED AGAIN!

By KARL KLUGE/*Correspondent*

YOU CAN MAKE the most of a new job and keep it for life, with tips from a leading expert.

And that's vitally important if you're one of millions of Americans who got the ax and have been toughing it out during this current recession.

"You really can make yourself fireproof," says famed corporate headhunter Robert Quatiere, of New York City.

"The secret is to make your bosses and supervisors happy, while at the same time making their jobs easier. And believe it or not, these are pretty simple propositions.

"Just don't forget that my tips are 'guerrilla tips.' That means you'll be playing hardball — and you can't go around worrying what other people think. Your co-workers aren't going to like you very much.

"Of course, they aren't signing your paycheck."

All you have to do to make the most of a new job and keep it, says Quatiere, is:

✔**Suck up to the boss from Day One.** If he's stupid, tell him he's smart. If she's fat and ugly, tell her she's hot. If he's weak and ineffectual, tell him he's a powerhouse.

Don't worry about stretching the truth — and don't be afraid to lie through your teeth. If you don't buddy-up to the big man — or big lady — somebody else will. And the next time the economy goes south, you'll be back on the street — while the suckmeister continues to collect a fat paycheck.

✔**Sleep with bosses and supervisors often.** Dress in sexy clothes and wiggle your fanny to impress head honchos and live it up with them on company junkets.

This goes for women and men, especially now that more and more gay bosses are coming out of the closet — and more women than ever before are breaking through the glass ceiling and finding seats in the corporate boardroom.

These days, all lower-level employees are sexual fair game for fat cats, who are sure to reward you for "doing your job." If you're a prude, get over it. Either that, or get used to collecting a pink slip whenever the boss gets antsy about a blip on the profit chart.

✔**Flirt shamelessly with big kahunas who — unlike the lusty hedonists mentioned above — frown on full-blown sex out of wedlock, but aren't above enjoying a rich fantasy life.**

If you don't know how to fire up a superior's imagination without taking your clothes off, there are plenty of manuals on the subject at bookstores and on the Internet. Or you can ask any executive secretary.

✔**Rat out fellow employees and establish yourself as a weasel from the get-go.** Big shots love weasels and you're wise to become one. You aren't going to win any popularity contests on the shop floor, but who cares?

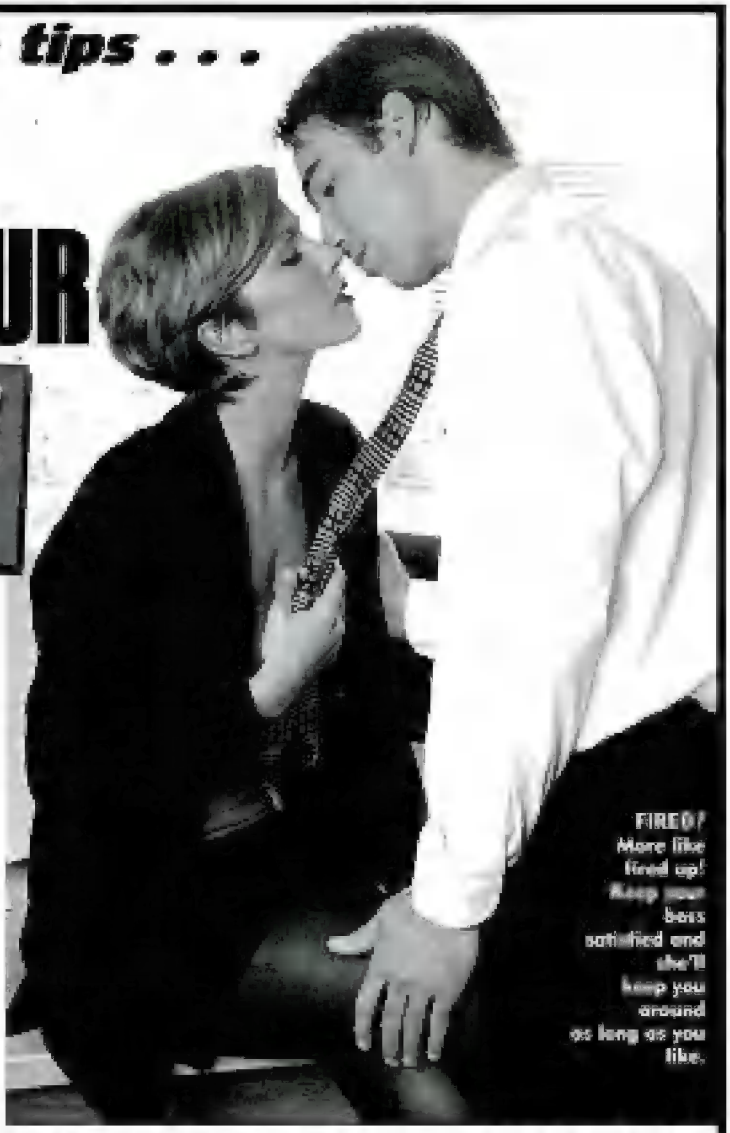
When all the buddies you tattled on for altering time cards, pilfering office supplies and making long-distance phone calls on the company's dime are standing in the unemployment line, you'll still be spending Saturdays washing the boss' car, secure in the knowledge that he wouldn't let you touch it if your job weren't secure.

✔**Toot your own horn both loud and long to anybody who will listen.** Promote yourself and your abilities aggressively, even if you're just a common stooge or warehouse ne'er-do-well.

Identify humble, quiet, salt-of-the-earth employees who do good work and go the extra mile without making a fuss about it. Then make it a daily ritual to take credit for something they did.

If the new cleaning lady finds a lost check behind the water cooler, tell her you'd like to present it to the boss and praise her honesty and sharp eye. Once you get the big guy behind closed doors, the first words out of your mouth should be something like, "Hey, boss — look what I found in the cleaning lady's purse."

He'll love you for it.



FIRED? More like fired up! Keep your boss satisfied and she'll keep you around as long as you like.

COPS HUNT AMERICA'S SAPPIEST SEX FIEND!

LOS ANGELES cops are hunting a sappy sex fiend who's been dubbed the Whipped Rapist because he always brings candy and flowers, composes corny love poems to his victims and treats them to re-

his late 20s, does the dishes, vacuums and straightens up before he leaves — and even serves victims breakfast in bed.

"Most rapists get their kicks from humiliating and terrorizing women, but this guy puts his vic-

"If he uses the john, he even makes sure he leaves the seat down.

"We've investigated cases of so-called 'gentlemen rapists' before, but this suspect goes far beyond merely being polite.

GAY DISASTER DOOMED DINOSAURS

THE DINOSAURS weren't killed off 65 million years ago by a giant asteroid — they were driven into extinction after they turned homosexual and paired off, a surprising new study suggests!

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

The startling discovery could have profound implications for modern human society and the ongoing debate about gay marriage.

"Until now, when religious conservatives warned that if men kept marrying each other, the human race would die out, most sociologists dismissed that as hysterical nonsense," acknowledges a scientist.

"But this new evidence that homosexual mating resulted in the extinction of the mighty dinosaurs certainly may cause us to pause for thought before we give the green light to gays to marry in droves."

The team of U.S. and British researchers has concluded that when an asteroid slammed into Earth roughly 65 million years ago, radically changing the world's climate, that caused too many dinosaurs to be born male.

If dinosaurs were like modern-day reptiles, the gender of newborns was determined by the temperature, according to lead researcher David Miller of the University of Leeds in Britain. A tragic lack of females would have torpedoed heterosexual unions among the lumbering creatures — and led to rapid extinction.

For years, scientists have agreed that the asteroid's impact likely triggered dramatic climate changes worldwide. The tremendous impact kicked up dust that blocked out the sun for centuries, causing temperatures to plummet.

Among reptiles such as crocodiles, the temperature at which eggs are incubated affects the sex of the developing babies. Miller's team conducted a computer analysis revealing that the temperature shift believed to have occurred after the asteroid strike would have led to an overwhelming preponderance of males among similar species such as the dinosaurs.

While the team did not explicitly argue that the all-male dinosaur herds turned gay, fellow experts say that if there were no females around, there's little doubt they would have turned to each other for companionship.

"Dinosaurs like the T. Rex were extremely sexually aggressive," confirms British paleontologist Dr. Sidney Hargrove, who calls the researchers findings intriguing. "It would not have been long before the males began pairing off, with one of them assuming the 'female' role.

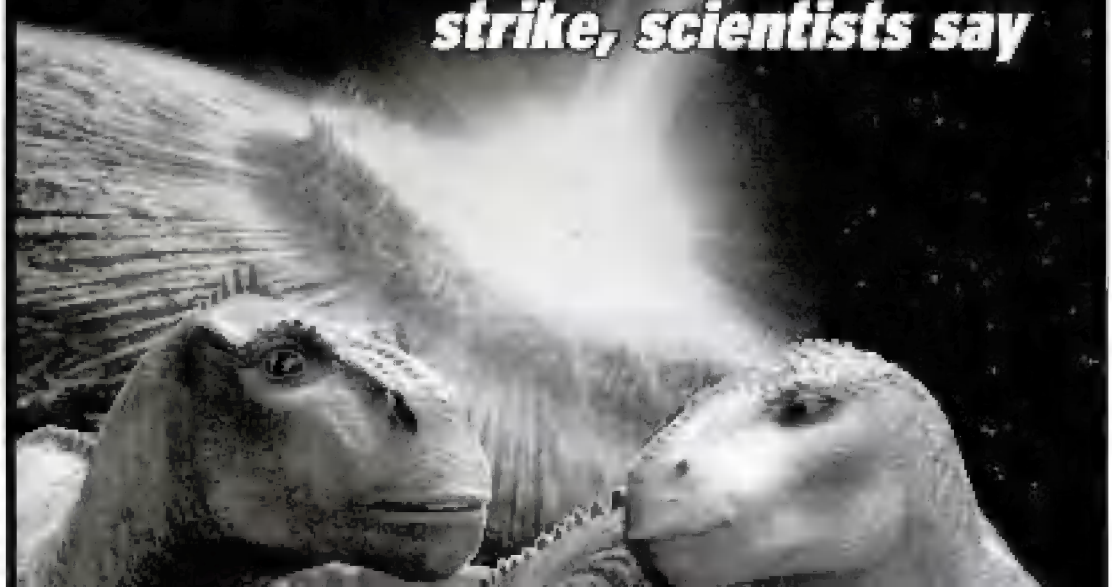
"Since it's believed the T. Rex and many other dinosaurs mated for life, this really would have been the equivalent of gay marriage among humans."

A pair of the scary-looking carnivores, found in a tar pit, locked in what was originally described as a "a death battle" are now housed in a British museum.

"Based on what we know now, I'm afraid that we're going to have to revise that description," says Dr. Hargrove. "To put it delicately, what those two male dinosaurs were doing when they sank into the tar pit was quite the opposite of battle.

"From now on, it will certainly be difficult to see the 'fierce' T. Rex in quite the same light — or to look at the creature's limp-wrisited little hands without smiling and thinking of one's interior decorator or the neighborhood male hairdresser."

Giant reptiles turned homosexual after comet strike, scientists say



GOLD RUSH IN CANNIBAL COUNTRY!

TREASURE-HUNTERS from around the world are converging on the jungles of New Guinea in search of 10 tons of missing gold!

Rumors have recently surfaced that during World War II, a Japanese plane carrying the loot crashed into the remote island of New Ireland, about 520 miles from the capital.

The government is now eagerly scouring the jungle for the gold bars, estimated to be worth $350 million. But before you hop on a plane to join in the gold rush, be aware — New Guinea is the world's last refuge of cannibalistic Stone Age tribes!

Prayer can make you rich — even if you DON'T believe in God!

MEN AND WOMEN who say the Lord's Prayer in public three or more times a day are healthier, wealthier and happier than those who avoid it like the plague.

Sociologist Marilyn Pilkins says: "I'm as surprised by the findings as anyone. Just by repeating this simple prayer three or four times a day in front of other people, a person can bring miracles into his life, even if he's a non-Christian and doesn't believe a word of what he's saying."

The expert reached her conclusions after studying a group of 60 adult men and women for two years. Thirty never prayed. The other 30 prayed at least three times daily, always out loud in public. Only 10 were Christians — the remaining 20 were atheists and agnostics.

Continues Pilkins: "Better health, more money and more happiness were their rewards. The

We've been hunting the wrong terrorist . . .

OSAMA IS A DWARF

Top secret CIA photo shows Bin Laden is a 4-foot-2 midget . . . not a 6-foot-5 giant!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

MURDEROUS madman Osama Bin Laden may be a towering figure in the field of terrorism, but he's not the 6-foot-5 giant his official bio claims. The elusive Al Qaeda chief is actually a 4-foot-2 dwarf who stands a head shorter than Danny DeVito, CIA investigators have learned.

The erroneous height information is the main reason that U.S. terrorist hunters have failed to locate the butchering bad guy despite the most extensive manhunt in history.

"We've wasted precious time and resources scouring the world for an unusually tall man when in fact Osama would barely come up to Mr. DeVito's shoulder," confirms a high-level CIA source.

The FBI's Ten Most Wanted List currently describes Bin Laden's height as between 6-foot-4 and 6-foot-6.

vital statistics were inflated as a public relations move when he founded the terrorist network in the late 1980s.

"The description of Osama as super-tall was probably disseminated to build up his image as a 'he-man,'" the CIA insider reveals. "He knew it would be extremely difficult to get militants to follow a leader the size of a small child.

"Of course since 9/11, the misleading height data has been left out there to keep us on the wrong track."

Those infamous Al Qaeda videos in which Osama strides giraffe-like alongside his men make use of old Hollywood ploys.

"Many of the same camera tricks that were used to make Alan Ladd and other diminutive leading men appear taller than their leading ladies have been used to disguise Bin Laden's true height — such as having his troops march in trenches," the CIA source reveals.

"In some tapes, we've also found telltale signs of computer manipulation."

Osama's followers are sworn to keep his small stature secret. And the

an audience while he is behind a desk or seated in his tent with a prayer cloth over his puny legs.

The deception was exposed when an Al Qaeda captive held at Guantanamo Bay spilled the beans to CIA debriefers.

"At first we thought it was a snow job," the CIA source recalls. "But the more we looked into it, the more evidence we found.

"For example, Bin Laden's nickname at King Abdul Aziz University in Saudi Arabia was 'Tiny.' Initially, we thought that might be a sexual reference, then we located a pair of trousers he wore at the time — the inseam was just 12 inches."

Recently, the smoking gun turned up. A rare photo showing Bin Laden standing beside two of his henchmen — barely coming up to their waists.

The discovery solves one of the many mysteries surrounding the crazed megalomaniac.

"Criminal profilers who examined Bin Laden's speeches determined that he has a classic Napoleon complex," the CIA source says.

ITALIAN OFFICIALS WANT LEANING TOWER OF PISA TO FALL

FOR THE BILLIONS IN INSURANCE MONEY!

By MARLA McMAHON
In Italy

IF THE Leaning Tower of Pisa falls, it would mean billions for the Italian government.

ITALIAN antiquities officials have refused to free up the cash needed to keep the Leaning Tower of Pisa from finally falling over because the insurance payoff on the centuries-old tourist trap is expected to exceed $8 billion — and they want it.

And with that kind of dough, says historian Antonio Romanelli, the rickety old monstrosity "could be replaced with something that would actually benefit citizens, such as a modern amusement park, or even low-rent housing for the elderly."

"And it's not like the Leaning Tower would disappear anyway," he told reporters in a surprisingly candid interview. "Tourists will still come to see it. It just won't be standing when they get here.

"If emergency work on the foundation isn't completed by August, it's going to topple as it should have been allowed to centuries ago. The Tower is a bad idea now, and it was a bad idea when it was built.

"Trying to repair it and keep it upright month after month and year after year is a simple matter of throwing good money after bad. It's ridiculous."

The idea of allowing the Leaning Tower to meet the fate it has flirted controversial at best.

Most Italians queried in a recent survey were quick to admit that even though the Tower is part of Italy's architectural heritage, and a lure for wealthy tourists who blow money in local hotels, restaurants and gift shops, they really don't care one way or another if it stands or falls.

"As long as the tourists will come to see the rubble, sure, go ahead — let it fall," said restaurateur Victor Bianco. "Every time I drive by the Tower my neck tightens and I get anxious and uncomfortable because I know it could fall at any minute, and I instinctively brace myself for it.

"I've been here all my life. After awhile, that kind of tension gets old."

Historian Luigi Botta couldn't disagree more. He says the Leaning Tower "is a priceless treasure and a reminder of Italy's glorious — and not so glorious — past."

"Not everything we Italians have done in art and architecture has been first-rate," he explains. "It is important to preserve our mistakes as well as our triumphs, especially a mistake as monumental as the Leaning Tower of Pisa."

As Botta points out, architects and construction crews realized the famed bell tower was off-kilter almost immediately after they started building it in the 12th century. Construction was stopped and started at least 50 times over the next 200 years as first one crew and then another gave up on the task ceed where others had failed.

Since that time, Italians have spent millions in their attempts to keep the Tower upright and standing. It's also become the butt of nasty jokes. Italy's respected newspaper, *Il Fiorino Messaggero*, flatly calls it "the world's largest money pit."

Queried by a reporter, tourist Marsha Griggs says that, "even standing, the Tower has been a major disappointment to me anyway."

"In photographs I've seen in history books and in documentaries on TV it looks so noble and grand," she by and you've seen more than enough.

"I think it will be more interesting after they let it fall."

Did you know . . .

- Construction of the Tower began in 1173 and ended between 1360 and 1370. The structure tilts because its foundation was built on unstable soil.
- Since regular measuring of the Tower began in 1911, the top has moved 1.2 millimeters per year. Today the top of the Tower is some 14½ feet off-center.

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN, IN-YOUR-FACE COLUMNIST

SHE SAYS...

"I'd be happy if I got pregnant tomorrow. I have 31 nephews and nieces and I've been at seven births. It's something I'd like to do."
— Actress Daryl Hannah

VITAL STATISTICS —
Born: December 3, 1960, in Chicago. Height: 5 feet 10 inches. Hair: Blonde. Eyes: Blue-green. Marital status: Dating New York hotelier Sean McPherson.

My college roommate is a lewd, crude sex machine!

DEAR DOTTI: I'm finishing my first year in college and I'm not sure I want to come back next year. I carry a 4.0 average, so I'm not troubled by the work. The problem is my roommate.

We got along fine until she started getting boyfriends — lots and lots of them. It seems like there's always a guy in our room. They usually stay overnight, and the things they do would keep the dead awake. It's not only noisy, it's disgusting. And for all I know, it's against the law. I've spoken to her about cooling it but my words go in one ear and out the other. Unfortunately, it's too late to get a new roommate for next year — the date for changing has passed. What can I do to stop this revolting behavior, Dotti? I need your help. — Fed-Up in Mars Hill

Dear Fed-Up: Judging from the selfish and uppity tone of your letter, it's no wonder your roommate turned to a posse of love-hungry college boys for friendship. It's clear that she's lonely being away from home for the first time. And since she didn't get the support she needed from you, she's had to seek companionship elsewhere. It's also obvious that you're jealous of her success with men. The bottom line? Stop bellyaching and get earplugs. My mother wears them when she visits me and she says they work like a charm.

A really big dude is out to get me!

Dear Dotti: I'm a happy-go-lucky bachelor girl with a lady at my apartment. She's married but she and her husband are separated. Well, everything was going just fine until about 3 a.m. when there was a knock at the door. You guessed it — it was her husband. We exchanged words and they left together. But this guy is 6-foot-5, solid muscle and not a lot of grey-matter up top. I'm just a ladies' man kind of guy — you know, pretty face and slim but doughy body. I'm worried that this clown is going to come back and clean my clock. What can I do? — Worried in Dallas

Dear Worried: If I were you, I'd move and get an unlisted number.

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Senior Administration Official in Washington, D.C.: I think everyone will have a good laugh if you sneak a whoopie cushion into the Oval Office, D.R. — just don't get caught. So how's things at the Department of Defense?

Dear Ecstatic Lady in Felton: Lots of gals pleasure themselves with a shark fin they found on the beach last summer — and they're stark raving mad, too!

Dear Hospitalized Couple in Taylor City: The next time you put mirrors over your bed, pinheads, use PREMIUM glue.

Dear Desperate Egghead in Cambridge: I'll be happy to send you a pair of my panties, *Perfessor* – but first, you'll have to BEG!

Dear Busy Beaver in Thompson: Single with six kids? For Pete's sake, slut, get your tubes tied!

My hubby doesn't want me cussin' all the time

Dear Dotti: Please tell my hubby to stop slapping me around and beating me up. I'm 19 and he's 23, and if I don't keep the house spotless, if I get mad and swear or if I forget to have dinner ready the exact second he gets home from work then I get popped. He doesn't hit me hard but it's humiliating in front of my friends. When I cry and tell him how much I love him he says I'm just spoiled and I've needed a whupping for a long time. But I think we should be able to talk about our problems without coming to blows. Don't you think he should stop hitting me? — Punching Bag in Taylorsville

Dear Punching Bag: Keep your house clean, lay off the cussin' and fix the fool's dinner on time. If that doesn't straighten the bum out, run back home to mama — before somebody gets hurt.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions —

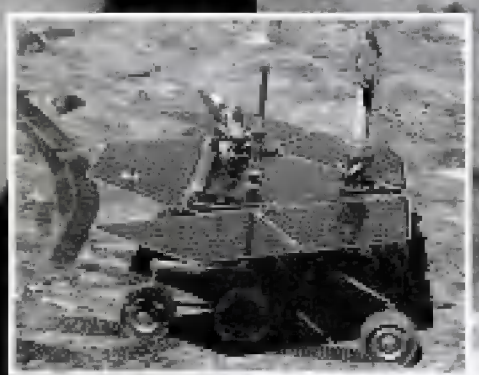
I like women more than I like men

have had any problem getting my hooks into a man. My problem is I've always secretly been attracted to other women. I've had these feelings and urges all my life, but I could never face them. I've never had a sexual experience with a woman but I can't get this yearning out of my mind. What should I do? I'm at the end of my rope. — Confused in New York

ALIEN BAB
FOUND ON MARS

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

CAUGHT PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH ROVER CAMERA



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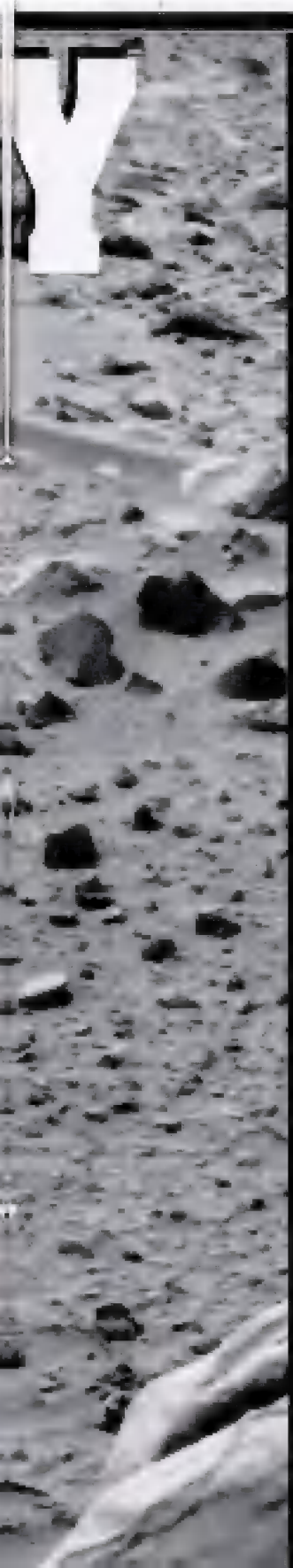

NASA's *Opportunity* rover has made its most astonishing discovery yet: It's captured astonishing images of a childlike Martian life form scampering across the surface of the Red Planet.

The greenish-gray creature, snapped by the six-wheeled rover's panoramic camera, has a potbelly, a disproportionately large, bulbous head and huge, black eyes.

"It stands 36 inches tall, roughly the size of an 18-month-old human toddler, and was not equipped with any form of life-support gear," says a high-level NASA source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It did not appear to be in any type of distress, in fact it seemed to be playing 'peek-a-boo' and 'hide and seek' with the rover, ducking behind rocks and in crevices and then grinning in delight whenever *Opportunity* rolled up and found it.

"All of that supports the belief that this creature is a native of Mars — the first Martian baby ever photographed."

The image captured by *Opportunity* near the rim of the 450-foot-wide Endurance Crater and beamed back on May 4, is being suppressed by the notoriously secretive space agency for unspecified "national security" reasons.

But copies of the photos have leaked out and are making the rounds in Washington, igniting a flurry of competing rumors and theories.

Some Washington insiders point out what they call the "striking resemblance" between the playful, pint-size Martian tyke and P'Lod, the mysterious alien ambassador who has been romantically linked to former first lady Hillary Clinton.

"There's talk going around that this baby is a love child that P'Lod fathered while on his last diplomatic assignment — which just happened to have been on Mars," reveals a Capitol Hill insider.

"P'Lod was so scared that Hillary would think he was just as bad as her husband Bill, chasing after everything in a skirt, he visited her and assured her that he hadn't knocked space boots with any Martian babes and that the kid wasn't his."

But Hillary, who has been plagued by pregnancy rumors almost since word of her affair with the extraterrestrial first surfaced in 2001, has had nasty gossip of her own to quash — particularly since many observers note that the baby looks semi-human.

"It's not mine either," she reportedly told both her E.T. boyfriend and NASA scientists, working behind the scenes to solve the mystery, have no time for gossip and are ignoring the wagging tongues of Washington politicians and pundits.

Intriguingly, they note, the alien toddler is wearing a necklace from which a simple pendant hangs. While admitting that the object might simply be a good luck charm or religious symbol, experts speculate that it could be a key of some kind.

"Presumably, if this baby is happily playing outside he's not far from home — yet *Opportunity* didn't send back images of an above ground structure of any kind," the NASA source says.

"The obvious inference is that the child's home is underground and that pendant is a key that causes the hidden door to open automatically."

But that's only one theory. Other scientists fear the Martian baby might not be in his backyard, but rather is lost, wandering the desolate surface of the far-flung world and at risk for starvation, hypothermia or attack by predators.

"If we could somehow program *Opportunity* to lead this Martian baby back to his parents, or to go get help, like Lassie, it would be the most positive first contact imaginable with the native inhabitants of Mars," an expert suggests.

Still other researchers doubt that the strange being is an infant at all.

"The fact that it is small of stature and engages in playful behavior tells us absolutely nothing," maintains British astrophysicist Dr. Cyril Branch, who has examined the startling NASA photos. "Virtually every extraterrestrial ever spotted by witnesses has been described as under five feet tall.

"We have no idea how Martians be-

HILLARY TELLS E.T. PAL: IT'S NOT MINE!

ory is that if any Martians survive, they are probably cavemen who've degenerated into a primitive state after war and/or environmental disaster caused the collapse of their civilization.

"An adult Martian with a primitive mindset could easily display the childlike behavior photographed by *Opportunity*.

One NASA scientist has suggested a more chilling explanation. He believes that the image of the alien baby is an illusion generated by a deadly Martian predator.

"What better way to trap prey than to create the image of a 'cute' youngster," argues the scientist, who also asked that his name not be used.

"Don't be surprised if, as *Opportunity* follows this so-called alien baby, it rolls into a dark cave — and then something immense and most definitely not cute spits out wheels, gears and microprocessors a few minutes later."

Since *Opportunity* and her sister rover *Spirit* landed on the Red Planet in January, they have collected an incredible wealth of scientific data. That includes impressive evidence that water once flowed on Mars. They've also beamed back uncanny images that have yet to be officially released by NASA but which have been leaked by agency insiders who believe in the "public's right to know."

The striking photos include weird cat-like creatures and even an image of a translucent humanoid figure that resembles Jesus Christ.

Although virtually everyone agrees that the $820 million mission has been a great success, a heated debate is raging both within NASA as well the scientific community at large about the authenticity of those images.

Some experts are convinced the images are a hoax, created by ingenious pranksters on Earth who've beamed bogus pictures into space and bounced them off Mars, to be received by NASA scientists.

Such skeptics put these new photographs in the same category.

"As real as it looks, I can't bring myself to believe there's a little Martian just running around free up there, like a human toddler in a sandbox," one skeptic declares.

And even those who don't believe Earthlings are perpetrating a hoax, caution the public to take any images from Mars with a grain of salt.

"I've analyzed NASA's Martian baby photos very carefully and I'm convinced they originate on Mars," says San Diego exo-biologist Dr. Matthew Wedren. "However, that doesn't mean that someone up there isn't playing mind games with us.

"Yes, it's possible that an alien child is having fun with *Opportunity*.

"It's also possible that far more sophisticated aliens are toying with us by presenting a battery of perplexing im-

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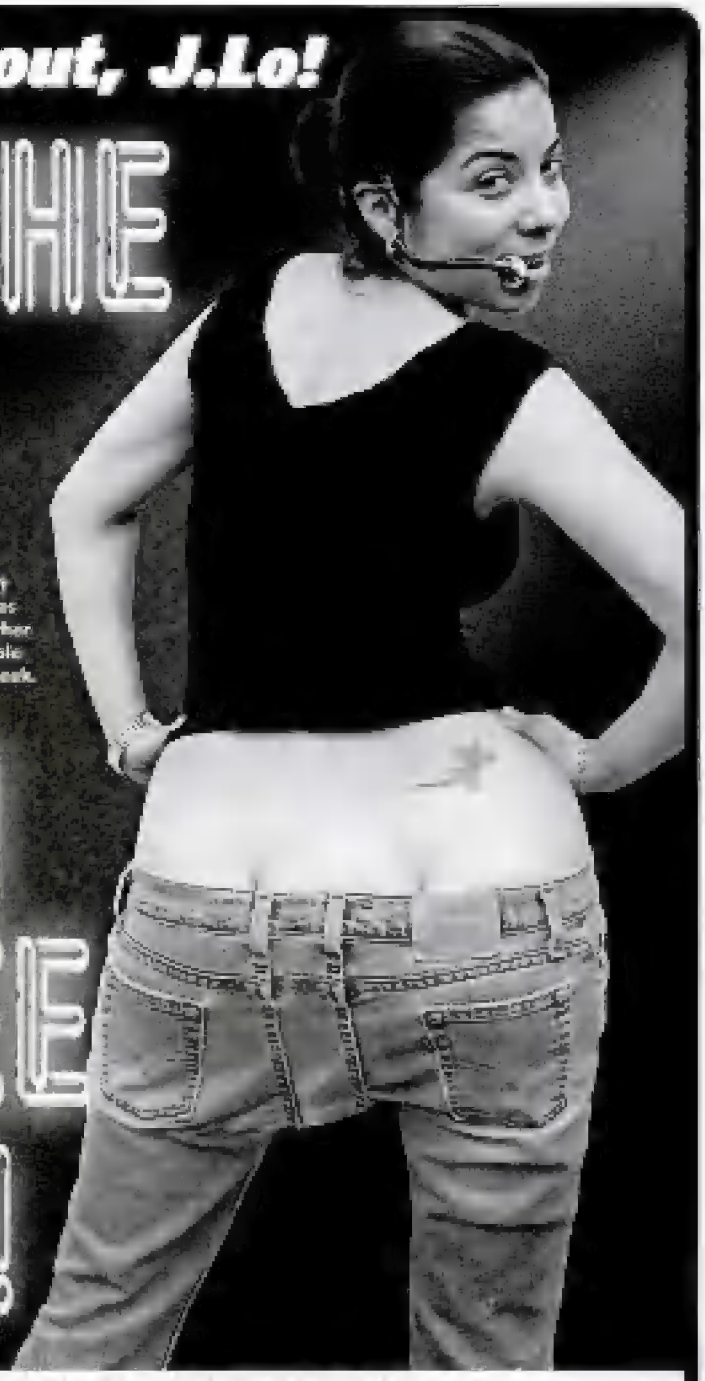

WIDE LOAD! As a child, pert and perky Patricia Stricklen was tormented by the other kids, but was still able to turn the other cheek.

By KARL PICKENS/Correspondent

BIG-BOTTOMED superstar Jennifer Lopez has nothing on up-and-coming country singer Patricia Stricklen — the pert and perky gal from St. Louis has an extra-wide behind with three perfectly shaped buns.

The 26-year-old woman was born with an extra buttock, giving her what she calls "a different look, especially when I'm in my bikini or wearing really tight jeans."

"When I was a child, all the other kids made fun of me and made me pretty miserable," she continues.

"But once I got older and saw the positive effect my bottom had on men who think it's sexy, well, that made up for all the times I cried myself to sleep at night.

"It's also been a help in getting my music career going. Sure, a lot of people come to see me perform just to get a look at my rear, but they stay to hear me sing."

Amazingly, when Stricklen was born, doctors checked out her bottom and told her mother there was an excellent chance it would vanish as she grew older.

Instead, it grew at the same pace and to the same size as her other two buns.

"The big question on everybody's mind is do I have an extra 'you know I do not.' Using the rest room would be very difficult, I'm sure. And my toilet paper bill, which already is high, would be totally outrageous."

Finding clothes that fit can be a problem, continues Stricklen, "but it depends on the type of clothes I'm buying.

"It's easy to find dresses because they just flop right over my butt regardless of its width. And bikini bottoms and panties are easy to get into because they stretch.

"But pants and jeans can be troublesome, especially hip-huggers and anything that's cut for a snug fit.

cent wider than normal. The next time you pull on a pair of tight jeans, think about how much tougher it would be if you had another bun to worry about.

"I met a cosmetic surgeon at a party once, and he told me he could cut my butt down to size and perform reconstructive surgery to make me look normal. I told him to stick to stretching the wrinkles out of old ladies' faces.

"I've come to grips with my derriere. I like it."

So does her fiancee, Kent Carnes, who says he dated Stricklen for six

of other women.

"I'll never forget the first time I saw her in a bikini," he continues. "I was speechless. My mouth dropped open. She said something like, 'How do I look in my suit, honey?'

"I said something really intelligent like, 'I . . . I . . . I . . . oh . . . wow!' I asked her to marry me the same day."

The third buttock does have its drawbacks, says Stricklen, noting that it didn't turn into a "bun of steel" on its own.

"I put in a lot of time at the gym," she adds. "Yes, I got my extra bun at birth, through a genetic fluke, but

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DOES MY NEIGHBOR STEAL MY PANTIES OFF THE CLOTHESLINE?

DEAR SERENA: For the past six months panties have been vanishing off my clothesline. I'm not talking about a pair here and there — I'm talking about five and six pairs a week.

Not only that, these aren't cheap cotton panties. I buy my undergarments from a very exclusive mail order company and pay anywhere from $10 to $15 a pop for them. The only clue I can give you is that I dropped by my neighbor's house one day and found a laundry basket full of my panties in his den. Fred is a widower in his late 60s, and he acted surprised when I told him they belonged to me. He says he keeps finding them in the back seat of his car and that he has no idea how they get there. What gives, Serena? If I don't get to the bottom of this soon, I'm going to go broke. — Needs Answers in Roseville

Dear Needs Answers: Fred is stealing your panties but don't get angry — he snatches them off your line when he sleepwalks during his afternoon nap. Tell him to lay off the deep sleep-inducing chamomile tea before he stretches out on his sofa for a snooze and the sleepwalking — and panty raiding — will stop.

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Dear Sonya: You've got to tell me what to do. I met a very important person with a big job at a major TV network and he wants me to star in a new show they're doing on teenagers who, well, it's a long story, but believe me, it's going to be a huge success. The only problem, and it's not really that big a deal, is that this guy wants me to sleep with him before he jets me off to Rome where the show will be filmed. I think it's a great opportunity, but my friend says I shouldn't trust him, that all he wants to do is get me in bed. I don't think that's entirely true, Sonya. I mean, he's at least 50 or 60 years old — so why would he have his eye on a teenager instead of somebody his own age? Is he for real? — Becky in Moleen

Dear Becky: Yes, he is for real, dudette, and he'll make you a star — but you don't have to sleep with him. He's just testing you to find out what kind of morals you have. Tell him thanks for the offer, but no sack time unless and until you fall in love and get married. I know he's a geezer but a wedding isn't out of the question. I could say more, but surprises are fun — and I don't want to spoil yours. You're in for quite a ride, chick-a-roonie!

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Dear Serena: I think I might be the new Messiah, but the problem is, I'm not a boy — I'm a girl. Is it possible that I really am the Messiah, or am I just imagining things? I do have a few special powers that other people don't have. One time I was playing around and tried to walk and splash in a mud puddle but I just walked over it without even making a ripple. Another time my Dad was throwing a dinner party for his boss and they ran out of wine. It was too late to go to the store to get more so I just said a little prayer and suddenly the empty bottle was full again. — Wondering in Fenton

Dear Wondering: You aren't the New Messiah, dear, but God does have big plans for you. Suffice it to say you will become an important and powerful figure in your church. I see you preaching the gospel in many lands. I also see that you will perform many healing miracles, making true believers of thousands of people who had lost their faith in religion.

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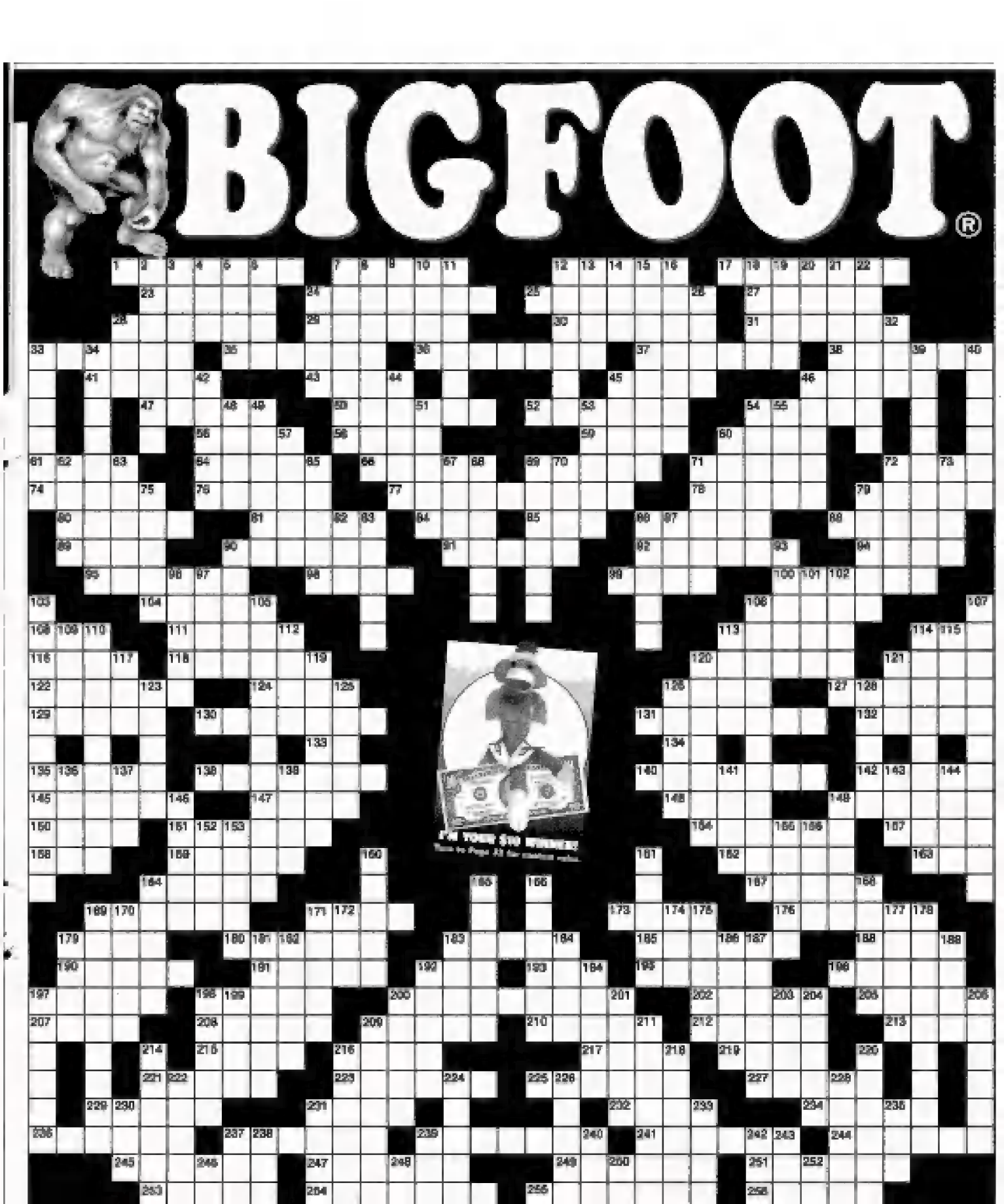
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VATICAN PLAN TO DESTROY ALL VAMPIRES:

POPE TO BLESS STORM CLOUDS AND TURN RAIN INTO HOLY WATER

THE POPE could seriously jeopardize his health in his crusade to fry the undead with rainwater, say worried Vatican officials.

By BART RUDI
Correspondent

A GRIM-FACED but determined Pope John Paul II has vowed to rid the world of vampires by turning rain to holy water — and frying the undead alive.

But even though that might sound like a good thing to people who live in fear of the blood-sucking monsters, aides are worried that the elderly and ailing holy man might overextend himself and wind up in Heaven before his time.

"The pontiff is no spring chicken, and launching a global crusade against vampires is a major, major undertaking," a highly placed Vatican source told reporters.

"But he feels this is a task that he cannot leave undone, and he wants to start right away."

To call ridding the world of vampires "a major undertaking" is an understatement. There are more than 30 million undead living in the United States alone.

Globally, there are no fewer than 80 million vampires distributed in every geographical region, including Antarctica — where at least two of the undead are feeding on unsuspecting penguins and scientists, paranormal researchers say.

According to Vatican sources, the pope has designated June 1 "Vampire Elimination (VE) Day," which is when he will start crisscrossing the globe in search of rain that he can turn to holy water with a quick prayer and ritual blessing.

He's also likely to say a few words to members of his flock, who always turn out by the millions whenever the pontiff comes to town.

"One of the difficulties of the task is to get the pope to the rain — it's not going to be as easy as it sounds," says the Vatican source.

"We're talking about letting him to

"We can't afford to fly to New Guinea or Somalia or Brazil and then sit around waiting for a cloudburst, because given the pope's age, time is not on our side.

"The pontiff tells us not to worry, that God will handle the logistics."

According to the source, the pope can bless an entire storm system — turning all of its rain to holy water — with a single prayer and wave of his weak and trembling hand.

But storms can be tricky. If the pontiff blesses what appears to be a big thunderstorm but is really only a scattered shower, the holy water that falls over such a small area might not hit and kill a single vampire. And in that case, he's wasted his effort.

If he blesses a major storm system that stretches out for hundreds of miles — such as a fearsome Category Five hurricane or a wicked

"Obviously, we'll be trying to get the Holy Father to the big systems, but that won't always be possible — and it will be dangerous," the source says.

Not surprisingly, the pope's vampire crusade isn't without its critics.

Human rights advocates believe the undead are human enough to justify decrying the pontiff's plan as genocide.

Also opposing the initiative is a loose-knit group of scientists, historians and "goth" teenagers who argue that vampires are both worthy of study and have as much right to exist as any other creature.

"With respect to their positions, I'd have to say the pope knows a little more than they do about who and what has a right to exist," says the Vatican source. "Wiping out vampires isn't something that just popped into his head.

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Monica's blue dress stained with mayonnaise, claim feds

WORLD'S most famous intern, Monica Lewinsky.

FORENSIC scientists at the FBI have finally gotten around to analyzing that stain on Monica Lewinsky's infamous blue dress — and it turns out to be mayonnaise.

Contents of the material include egg yolk, soybean oil, distilled vinegar, corn syrup, sugar, lemon juice and mustard powder, according to the hush-hush final report quietly submitted to the Justice Department.

A confidential lab source says, "It looks like Kenneth Starr was bluffing all along."

OOPS! Angry mob burns wrong witch!

A CRAZED and shrieking mob of 500 wild-eyed peasants in Lima, Peru, dragged a terrified woman out of a jail and burned her alive as a witch, only to find out two hours later they had snatched a plain-clothes lady cop by mistake.

"We have no quarrel with the police — we just want the witch," says Raul Santiago, a Lima resident who claims not to have participated in the abduction and murder.

Cops say they don't know what the peasants are talking about. "We haven't locked up any witches," says one.

As many as 200 arrests are expected in connection with the mix-up.

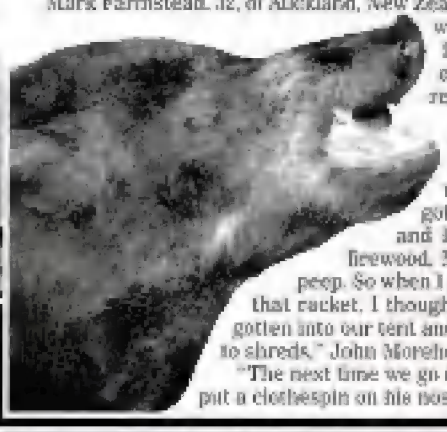
BOAR IS A SNORE

A snoozing camper barely escaped with his life when he was shot by a pal who thought his rafter-rattling snores were the grunts of a wild pig.

Mark Farmstead, 32, of Auckland, New Zealand, was hospitalized with buckshot wounds from head to toe but is expected to make a full recovery, a doctor said.

"I sleep like a log myself, so I didn't hear anything all night long. And when I got up before first light and headed out to gather firewood, Mark wasn't making a peep. So when I got back and heard all that racket, I thought for sure a boar had gotten into our tent and was going to rip him to shreds," John Morehouse told reporters.

"The next time we go camping I'll make him put a clothespin on his nose."



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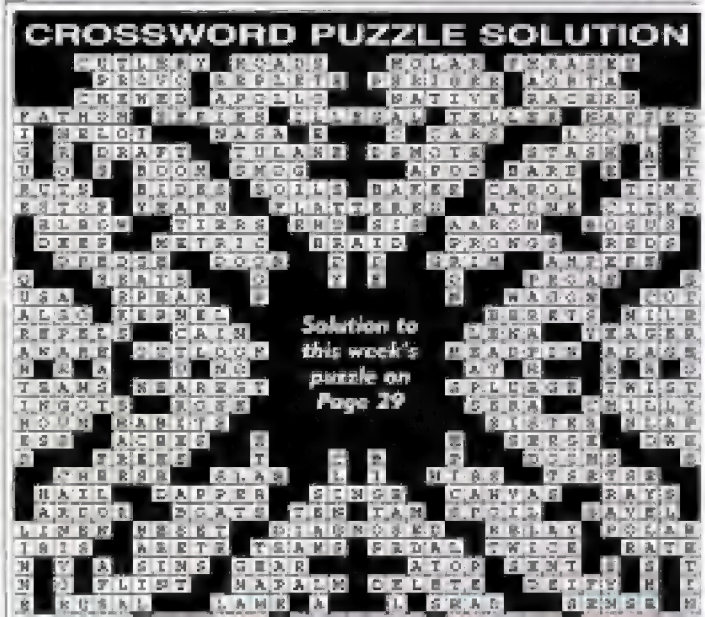

Solution to this week's puzzle on Page 29

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X-RAY REVEALS NEW TERRORIST THREAT: BELLY BOMBS

By JOE KELLY/Correspondent

REPORTS are surfacing that terrorists may have developed a chilling new weapon: An ingestible bomb.

NEW BREED OF SUICIDE BOMBER

Dubbed the Big Gulp, the bomb isn't carried in the hand or strapped to the body, but is simply swallowed and detonated at will, according to sources in the intelligence community who are desperately searching for the masterminds of the weapons plot.

"This takes suicide bombing to a whole new level," says a senior counterterrorism official at the CIA. "These maniacs are already happy to blow themselves up in order to destroy anything that goes against their fanatical beliefs. But now they won't have to content themselves with blowing up crowded restaurants and marketplaces.

"They'll be able to infiltrate our most heavily guarded security installations and become virtually undetectable until it's too late."

The source says informants in Europe, southeast Asia and the Middle East have passed along tips on Big Gulp projects at several terrorist cells. They suspect the research is being conducted by scientists from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Counterterrorism sources say the Big Gulp technology is terrifying in its simplicity.

It uses nitroglycerin, the highly volatile liquid explosive, which is poured into a small polyurethane container. Then, much as drug smugglers swallow plastic bags filled with cocaine, the bomber swallows the nitro-filled vials — after having drunk a large amount of water to act as a cushion. He can then stroll through almost any security checkpoint, since most bomb detectors don't catch items that are inside the body.

"At that point," a CIA source says grimly, "all he has to do is jump up and down couple of times and there goes the neighborhood."

Some analysts think the ruthless plot may already have come to fruition. On April 4, an Iraqi man checked himself into the emergency ward of a Baghdad hospital, complaining of intense abdominal cramps. When X-rays revealed two foreign objects lodged in the man's large intestine, doctors promptly operated and removed two small

INGESTIBLE explosives would be much more difficult to detect than the type of bulky contrivances used by most

PLASTIC CANISTERS first seen in an X-ray were found to contain nitroglycerin upon being opened, below.

bet, and quickly disappeared before authorities could questions him. Subsequent testing revealed the liquid in the plastic containers to be nitroglycerin.

One source says terrorist-hunters are making progress in hunting down the Big Gulp labs, thanks to some solid leads.

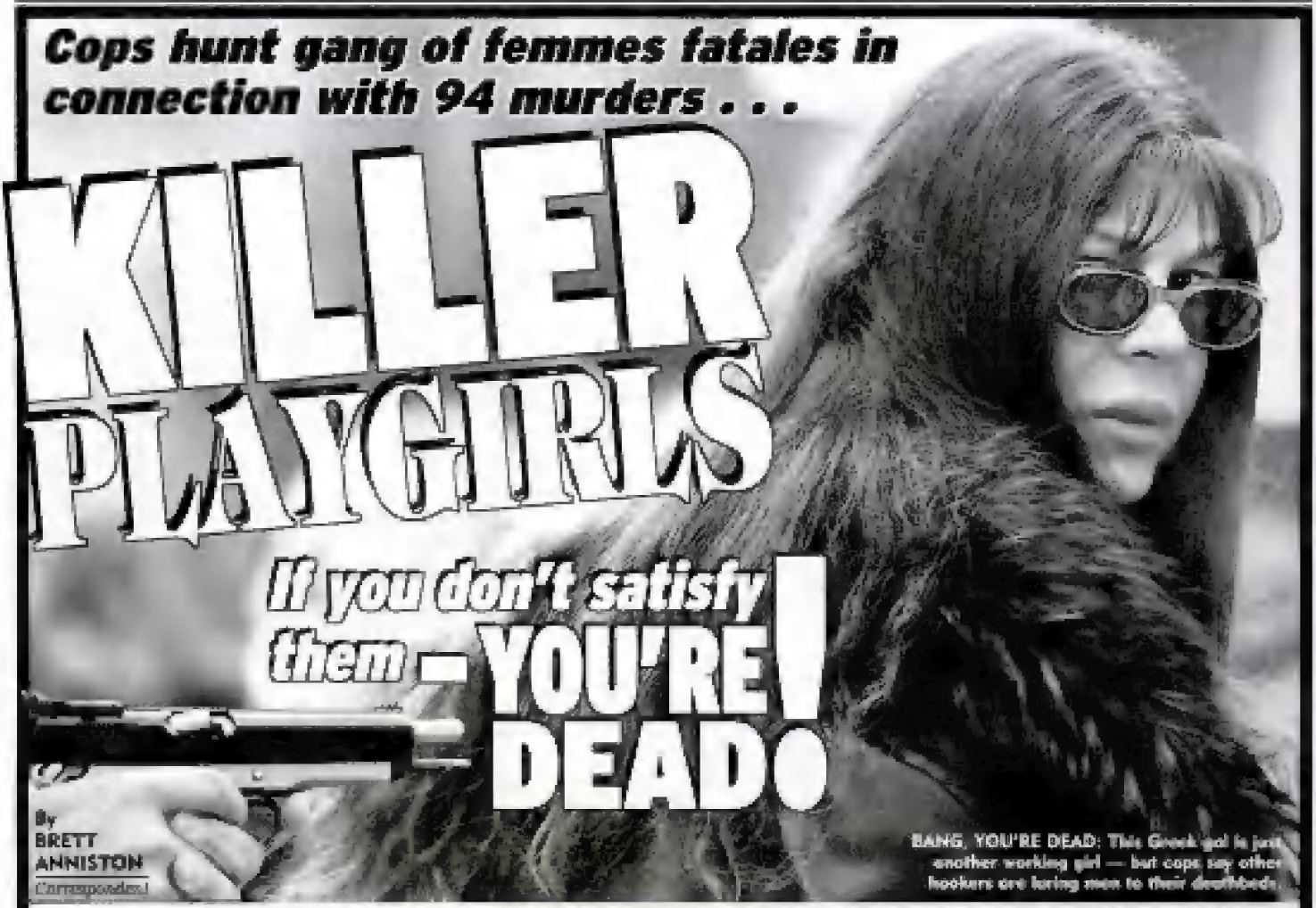
He adds: "The one thing we have going in our favor is the very volatility of the explosives they're

Cops hunt gang of femmes fatales in connection with 94 murders . . .

KILLER PLAYGIRLS

If you don't satisfy them — YOU'RE DEAD!

By BRETT ANNISTON
Correspondent



BANG, YOU'RE DEAD: This Greek gal is just another working girl — but cops say other hookers are luring men to their deathbeds.

WATCH OUT, guys: Deadly playgirls are gunning for you!

Law-enforcement agencies say the female pickup artists are rich, fun-loving and hot to trot. But there's a worm in that particular apple — if a man doesn't meet their expectations, he shows up dead!

The 94 known murders are concentrated in California, Florida and New Mexico, and concerned cops say the fatal femmes may have struck in as many as 13 cities across the nation.

The girls operate in twos, picking men up at bars and clubs and then inviting the victim to a hotel.

If the Romeo's sexual performance is less than satisfactory, or even if the gals don't like how he talks or smells, another young man's corpse washes up on a beach or is found in a dumpster.

"These perpetrators, believed to number at least 26, are like some kind of sorority from Hell," says a law-enforcement source in Los Angeles. "In fact, one theory is that this all began as some kind of sick sorority prank."

When the love-'em-and-leave-'em-dead crime spree began in 2002, cops initially assumed that a single pair of women was responsible. But investigators soon realized that eyewitness descriptions didn't match.

"Although the MO was the same, the descriptions of the suspects varied widely," reveals an FBI investigator in Miami. "All the women are described as young and gorgeous, with sensational bodies, but some are tall, some are short, some are white, others black or Asian."

The lethal ladies park expensive foreign sports cars and sashay into trendy joints decked out in high-priced designer duds. They seduce the victim by playing into his fantasies — and shamelessly stroking his ego.

"The No. 1 fantasy of American males is a ménage a trois and these women exploit that," explains forensic psychologist Dr. Peter Rowett of Albuquerque, N.M.

"When two beautiful women wearing fur coats and glittering diamonds tell some poor schmo he's so handsome they're desperate to 'double team' him, he's easily snared."

The handful of guys who've pleased the psycho playgirls on the steamy dates give the experience a rave review.

"The night I spent with those two wild women was the most intense of my life," declares a 25-year-old Santa Barbara man named Chester.

Unfortunately, the deadly dames are extremely picky — only about one in seven of their easy pickups is deemed fit to live.

"In the case of one man who managed to escape, the women told him during the attack he had to die because he was a poor kisser," the FBI source reveals. "Another survivor told us his mistake was breaking wind."

The victims are all bound in their sleep — then ruthlessly slain with a single bullet to the brain. Sickeningly, the corpses are always found with the eyes plucked out, presumably taken as grisly "trophies."

When the killings began, some criminologists speculated that the women might be rape victims out for revenge. But that theory has fallen by the wayside.

Says Dr. Rowett: "These appear to be spoiled, bored young women who

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DEAD OR ALIVE?

This week:
THE STEVE ALLEN SHOW!

These stars used to keep us in stitches every week, but for some of them the stage is dark and the audience has gone home. Who's living, and who's making 'em laugh upstairs? (Answers are below.)

The great comic Steve Allen headlined this acclaimed weekly laugh-fest at the same time he was pioneering late-night TV as the first host of *The Tonight Show*. The 1956-60 comedy-variety show attracted some of the funniest folks in showbiz, and Allen's wacky, irreverent brilliance is still influencing TV comedy today. Here, clockwise from left, are some of *The Steve Allen Show*'s best-known cast members: Don Knotts (THE NERVOUS CHAP), Louis Nye (GORDON HATHAWAY), Tom Poston (THE PERENNIAL AMNESIAC), Skitch Henderson (THE MAN FROM THE BRONX) and Allen.

Don Knotts, who went on to create the legendary character Barney Fife on *The Andy Griffith Show*, is 79. Louis Nye, who's still cracking up audiences in the HBO comedy *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, is 82. Tom Poston, who's also remembered for his roles on two of Bob Newhart's classic sitcoms, is 82. Henderson, who later became Johnny Carson's first band director on *The Tonight Show*, is 86. Allen died of a heart attack in October 2000, at age 78.

MYSTERY EYES

Here are closeups of four guys and a gal whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a small detail. Can you give a name to each face? Answers are below. HINT: Can we be frank (or Frances)?

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Ol' Blue Eyes never really left.

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Life was a beach for him and Annette.

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Her career has far to go.

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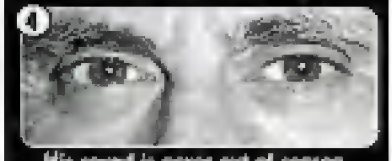
His sound is never out of season.

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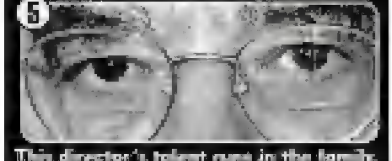
This director's talent runs in the family.

WHO ARE THEY?
1) Frank Sinatra
2) Frankie Avalon
3) Frances McDormand
4) Frankie Valli
5) Francis Ford Coppola

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED! (From Page 27)

Card No. 3: The Hermit
DESERTION

Love: Breaking up is painful, especially when it wasn't your idea. But giving in to the loneliness will only make it worse. Get out there and let the world know you're available!

Money: If financial trouble has partners bowing out, it's time to take control before you're left holding the bag. Weigh your options and act.

Health: Before you write off those friends who've stopped coming around, look honestly within and see if some of the

Card No. 5: 8 of Cups
MODESTY

Love: A quiet demeanor can be very attractive to those of the opposite sex. Staying just outside the spotlight for once could actually draw more attention — try it and see what happens.

Money: Plaudits and praise are coming your way for a successful project at work, but take care not to hog all the credit. This is a chance to make friends.

Health: Accept the compliments that you are due, but don't go fishing around for them — most people will see right through this and

Card No. 1: Queen of Wands
JUST REWARDS

Love: Competing with a pal for the same love partner leads to nothing but unhappiness. If the romance fades, where will you find the friend you need to get you through the heartache?

Money: A long-overdue bonus at work will finally be yours if you steer things in the right direction. Pull out all those "good job" memos and be ready to use them.

Health: Persistence in tackling your physical problems will bring you an improved sense of well-being. But don't pine on indulging

Card No. 2: The Chariot
TURMOIL

Love: Seeking help for a troubled relationship does not mean you've given up — it means you've finally begun to fight for something that matters to you. Take heart in this knowledge.

Money: Rivals could be setting you up for a big fall, and you stand to lose a big piece of the action if attitudes don't change. Do all you can to make peace.

Health: Listen closely to those confusing voices in your head, and you may find that they all belong to the same person: You! They're

Card No. 4: Justice
IN BALANCE

Love: Committed couples are moving into a period of great harmony, and singles will soon begin a blissful time of romantic success that will make up for past isolation.

Money: Reining in your spendthrift ways means you'll one day be able to afford a little splurge. For now, be sure needs are covered before wants.

Health: Equal attention to all parts of your life is the goal you should strive for, but sometimes you may have to neglect one area for

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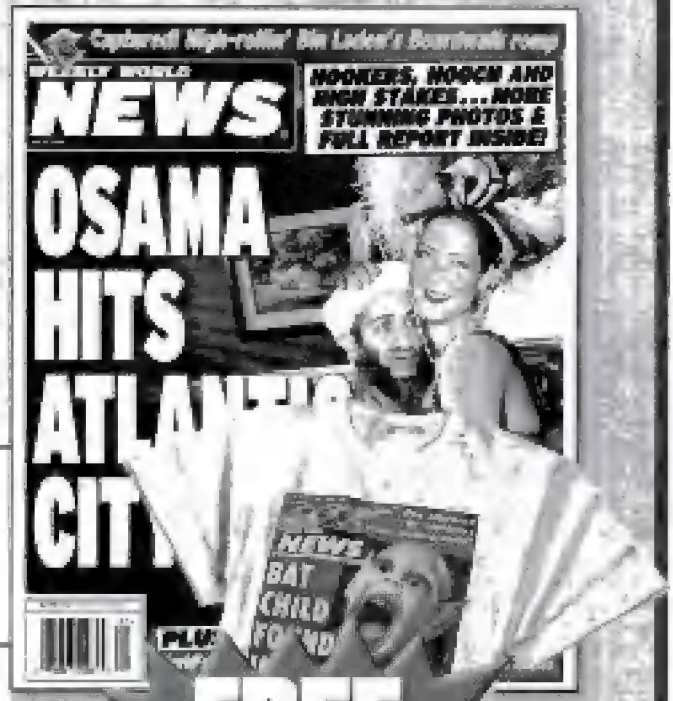

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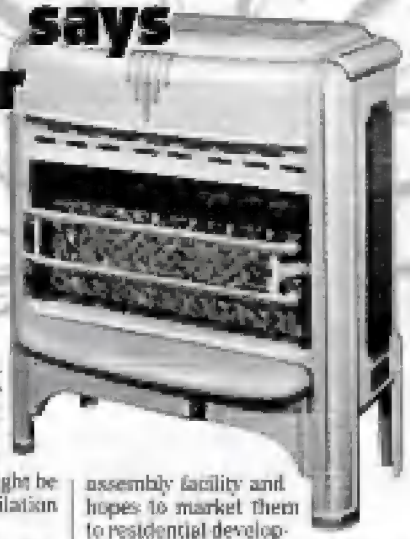
NEW FURNACE RUNS ON POOP!

A single flush will heat your home for a week, says inventor



FECAL FURNACE will heat a home all winter — assuming the family eats continuously and no one is constipated.

By D.G. BULGER
Correspondent

A STUNNING new residential heating and cooling system has been invented that runs on human waste — and it's expected to eventually eliminate America's reliance on oil.

Wesley Bryce Schirra, a respected inventor and plumber, has developed a prototype furnace/air-conditioner that is powered by a revolutionary 14-cylinder porcelain motor that converts waste products into the energy necessary to heat or cool a four-bedroom home.

The Fecal Furnace is believed to be the world's first and only excrement-powered climate-control system.

"I want to change the world," Schirra says of his new technology. "It has always bothered me that our country is so reliant on both oil and coal as energy sources. I realize that others have experimented with alternatives such as ethanol, wind and even so-

"Human waste, on the other hand, is both plentiful and powerful and, most importantly, does not need to be shipped from overseas. Additionally, the Fecal Furnace is remarkably fuel-efficient and can convert each cubic pound of waste into 10,000 kilowatts of energy.

"That is enough power to heat or cool most homes for weeks at a time."

The new furnace is connected to a home's toilets through an alternate dual-pipe plumbing system that is activated by the defecator while in the bathroom. A thermostat allows the homeowner to regulate warm or cold air circulation.

"A family can now heat their home all winter and not pay any increased electrical bills — assuming they were continuously eating, and no one was constipated," explains Mr. Schirra.

Ventilation is obviously a concern.

To combat this issue, the Fecal Furnace has an exhaust system that is engaged during refueling. Dual industrial-strength fans are attached to the internal porcelain motor component, in order to redirect most of the unpleasant odors out the chimney.

IF YOU'RE not using the Fecal Furnace after every bathroom break,

"Homes that use the Fecal Furnace will smell no worse than a typical public rest room," explains Schirra. "Occasionally a backdraft might occur and a little 'stale air' might be released through the ventilation system, but that's about it.

"Imagine the possibilities. The reduction in oil import costs. The reduction in sewage and water treatment costs. This technology will make our country and our world a better place."

Others are less enthusiastic. Becky Gunder, an activist for the Residential Clean Air Society, believes the idea is ludicrous.

"Is this some sort of joke? People will be gagging in their own homes from the smell. Additionally, I don't believe that the Fecal Furnace is as fuel-efficient as Schirra claims. I just don't believe anybody's poop can create 10,000 kilowatts of energy. I'm sorry, but that seems like quite a lot."

Schirra is quick to respond to these doubts.

"At first they laughed at the Wright Brothers. They laughed at Henry Ford.

"Let them laugh at me. The Fecal Furnace represents the future of home heating and cooling. And if the smell does sometimes get a little ripe, one only needs to open one's windows."

Schirra plans to build as many as [illegible] assembly facility and hopes to market them to residential developers.

He believes that before long, all of the major furnace and air-conditioning manufacturers will also produce fecal-powered models.

"Once they see that it is both profitable and practical, I believe the industry will abandon all other models and mass-produce similar intestinal-driven units."

It is anticipated that the new technology will eventually be used in other machinery and appliances. Schirra has already begun planning a fecal-powered version of the sit-down lawn mower and dishwasher.

LOVE STINKS!

LOS ANGELES — Couples who don't complain about each other's farts tend to have better marriages than those who raise a big stink!

Social psychologist Susan Perry, author of *Loving in Flow: How the Happiest Couples Get and Stay That Way* (Sourcebooks), explains that a happily farting couple tends to be more at ease with

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OR. 401-443 SWM, 46, 6', 330 lbs. This big teddy-bear has never been married, has no children, non-smoker/drinker/drug-user, faithful, sincere, honest, caring, affectionate, native, understanding, humorous, very romantic, non-judgmental, passionate. Seeking the same in sweet, soft, sexy, voluptuous, pear-shaped, SWF with curves, 28-48, 5'0"-5'6", 250 lbs.-350 lbs., blonde, full-length hair, big blue eyes, marriage-minded. Recent full-length photo/phone. Sincere replies only.

IL. 401-445 Correctional institute inmate. Bld, 25, 150 lbs., 5'4", attractive, mature, loyal, affectionate, romantic, excellent morals, peaceful, outgoing, intelligent. ISO real woman to become part of my life. Age/race unimportant.

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TN. 401-447 SWM, 47, 6', 185 lbs., clean, honest, humorous, easygoing, non-drug, hard working, treasure. Commitment, home life, travel. Open seeing Rancho/Rio CDL a plus.

TN. 401-448 WWM, 51, 6', 250 lbs., blue/brown/gray, smoker, non-drinker. ISO special woman for lifetime commitment. Gold diggers need not apply. Photo/phone first letter. Will answer all.

OH. 401-449 WM, 46, 150 lbs., 5'6", non-drinker/smoker, country home, good employment. Seeking marriage-minded female, 25-38, good figure, stay home or work. Photo.

IL. 401-450 WM, 40, relocatable, starts brunette or blonde, 21-70, unable to have children, childless, who wants love, late nights, Midwest. Photo/phone.

AR. 401-451 DWM, 5'8", 140 lbs. Seeking loving, relocatable, woman, about 60, for LTR. I own home and autos, well-groomed, honest, and financially secure. Photo/phone.

NY. 401-452 SWM, 62, non-smoker, average looks, financially secure. Seeking SWF, 50-62, non-smoker, average height, weight, looks, one-man woman, more. Photo/phone.

IN. 401-453 WWM, 70s, 5'6", 160 lbs., would like to meet a classy lady, 45-65, from Kokomo, Indiana, Ohio. Asian a plus, but will answer all with photo. Serious only.

NV. 401-454 DWM, 58, looks and acts younger, 5'10", 170 lbs., retired, financially secure, very romantic, seeking slim lady under 50. Likes Corvettes, Harleys, motorhomes, camping, outdoors and a real home life. You must like relocatable. Send photo and phone number.

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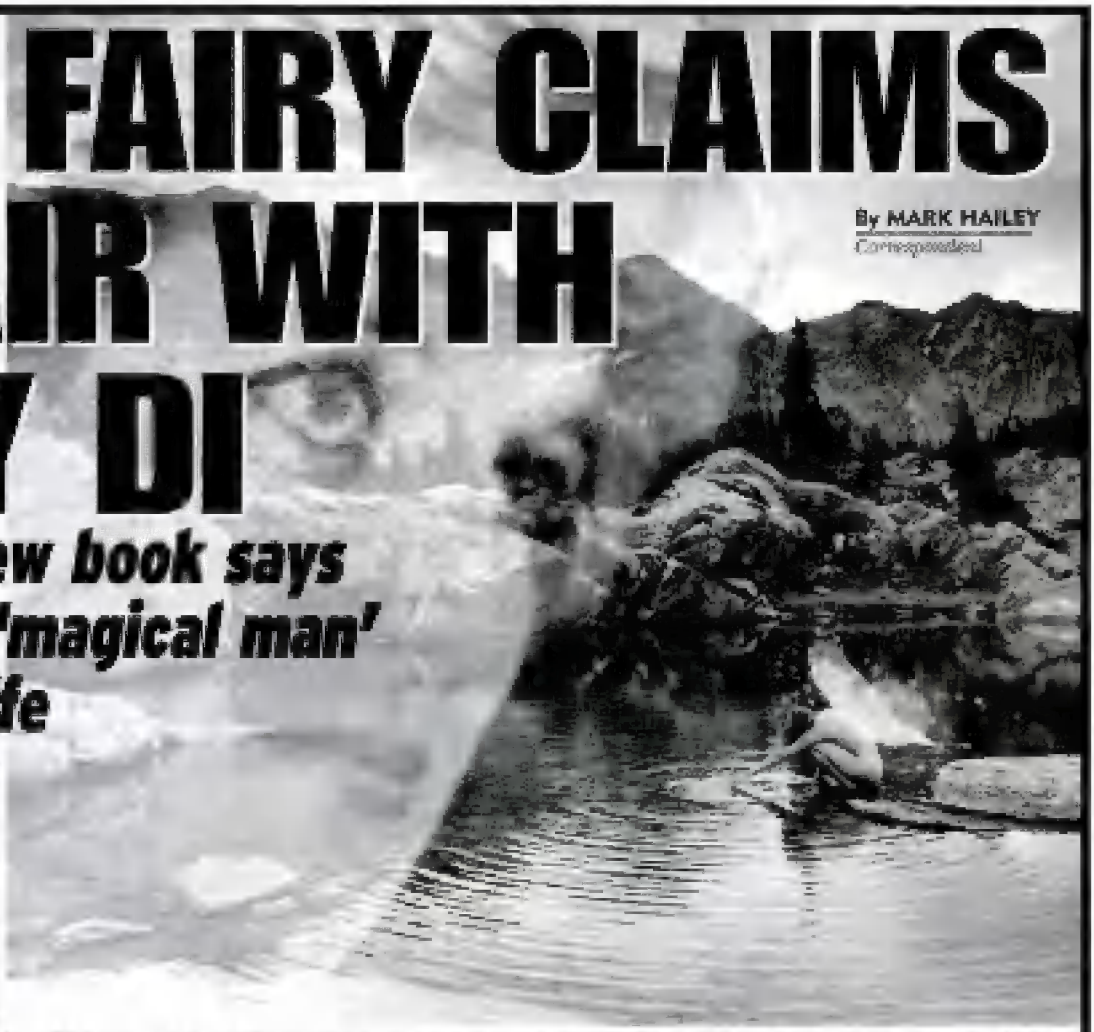
By MARK HAILEY
Correspondent



A WINGED and twinkling fairy no bigger than a Ken doll claims to have carried on a sizzling love affair with Princess Diana before her tragic death in 1997, and royal insiders say Buckingham Palace considers the allegations both "serious" and "inflammatory."

And other sources say if Larry the Fairy is telling the truth, the wee guy stands to make millions by selling book and movie rights to the story Britain's brash tabloid press has dubbed "The Tale of the Princess' Fairy."

"Diana's life has always been recognized as being the stuff fairy tales are made of and this development just adds to the mystique," says royal watcher and Diana expert Karl Rogers-Creighton of London.

"To begin with, under the most improbable of circumstances, this frail and shy creature — and I'm talking about Diana here, not the fairy — was wooed, won and wed by a much-bigger-than-life and much older Prince Charles.

"As their storybook marriage began to fray at the edges, she fell into the arms of one of the world's wealthiest and most eligible bach-

"But now we learn there may have been yet another 'magical man' in Diana's life, a fairy who claims to have overcome vast differences in background and breeding — not to mention size — to capture Diana's heart.

"Just when you think the final chapter on the princess' life has been written, somebody pops up with another story to tell.

"In this case, the allegations are blockbuster, indeed. The fairy is making no bones about the fact that the unlikely affair included lovemaking that was both sizzling and bizarre.

"As we all know, Diana was a real woman with real needs. The fairy claims to have satisfied those needs — and how."

In fact, when Larry the Fairy, also of London, came forward with his allegations on a radio talk show in April he said he would hold nothing back in his descriptions of the affair that he says lasted from May 1996 to June 1997 — just two months before Diana and Fayed perished in a car crash while fleeing paparazzi in Paris.

phone, suggesting that his relations with Diana, who also was married, were doubly adulterous.

"So if you want ALL the juicy details, I mean, hey — you're going to have to buy the book.

"I will tell you that she was deeply troubled and very lonely near the end of her life, and the time we spent together meant a lot to her," he continued, his voice dropping from its natural falsetto to a surprisingly rich faux baritone as he turned serious.

"Although by fairy standards I'm only a boy — Diana told me I was more man than she's ever had," says Larry.

"She told me I was the only person she felt completely at ease with because I didn't judge her, and my love was unconditional. The truth is, I liked her a lot. She was a sweet kid.

"I always felt like we'd be friends for life. But unlike her, I only wanted friendship. We talked about getting quickie divorces in Mexico and then getting married to each other, but as far as I was concerned, that was just pillow talk.

"I had no intention of getting a divorce. I liked Diana, yes. But I love

to avoid seeing her starting in June of 1997. And then, in August, the accident took her life."

While Larry the Fairy continues to negotiate the sale of his book and consents to the occasional interview to keep interest in the story alive, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles, say sources, are assessing the strength of the allegations and preparing for damage control.

"It should come as no surprise that the queen and the prince are not amused," says Rogers-Creighton.

"They'd like nothing more than to sweep Larry the Fairy under the royal rug."

FAIRY TALES

- In English folklore, Queen Mab was a fairy queen who governed people's dreams.
- Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales were greeted by reviews calling them: "Quite unsuitable for children" and "positively harmful for the mind."
- In the original Grimm brothers' fairy tale *Snow White and the Sev-*

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And Paris fashion gurus say trendy guys in the U.S. will be wearing them by spring. French fashion editor Jean-Pierre Beaucoeur enthuses, "The codpiece takes confidence to wear, but it makes a powerful fashion statement.

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VIRGO	14, 15, 20, 28, 36, 47
LIBRA	11, 15, 26, 35, 37, 41
SCORPIO	9, 12, 14, 23, 41, 45
SAGITTARIUS	2, 25, 30, 39, 43, 48
CAPRICORN	3, 10, 11, 23, 39, 44

ARIES

Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

Your luck is likely to improve dramatically this week and you'd be wise to take advantage of it by risking it all.

Your ability to make quick decisions could prove to be an important asset when a friend shows up unexpectedly and needs tea and sympathy. Just don't throw pearls before swine. They may choke on them and leave you with the bill.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 - May 20

An unusual opportunity may come your way this week and you should be ready to act fast. Get advice from strangers if necessary, but hurry or you might miss the boat.

Stubbornness could get in the way of a good time — however morally questionable. Watch for men in black-and-white uniforms. Those subpoenas aren't worth the paper they're written on.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Continue delaying a thankless chore that you're dreading.

You've had a real struggle keeping things together in recent weeks but it's not your fault. You're about to climb the final mountain.

A long legal restriction will be lifted. Seek out a close friend of the opposite sex you enjoy being with and allow yourself to be embarrassingly candid.

CANCER

June 21 - July 22

Don't feel bad about unloading your worries. After all, after a few, you're the life of any party!

Load up the weekend with adventure. Your sensitivity to others' needs may leave you vulnerable to those envious of your ability to manipulate any situation.

Beware of friendly overtures from those who can't give you what you need.

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

Pesky little problems and loose ends will have your blood pressure rocketing. Don't worry, it will all work out — or completely collapse.

Face the weekend with a smile on your lips and a glow in your belly.

Confidence holds you in good stead as you approach those in charge with a new idea. Remember, they called Einstein crazy!

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

The power of your positive thinking will be contagious and help you get unexpected approval.

There's been some petty bickering among friends that may become a raging feud. Play both ends against the middle.

A trip to the mall proves to be lucky as you get an unexpected treat. Just be sure to wear clean blue socks!

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Being helpful could backfire this week. Someone you try to aid may mistake your interest as a way to boost your stature at their expense.

To sidestep a clash, avoid the number 63.

Help by giving spontaneous suggestions based on whatever occurs to you at the moment. Clean your plate before someone else does.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A special someone finds you especially attractive at this time. Make sure this person is as old as they claim to be.

Controversy and disputes could be everywhere this week so wade in and start swinging!

There's a real possibility of scoring a K.O. if you join the battle — and that's something you desperately need now.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

A split-second decision could bring new adventure into your life. But a phone call may offer a reason to pull the plug.

If life seems to have lost some of its pizzazz, you're no one to blame but yourself. This is the week to add flash to your wardrobe, subscribe to a magazine or rekindle a fantasy romance with a pop star!

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

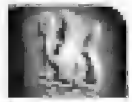
Your smile — or your dentures — always seems to light up a room, so let 'er rip.

A wild story could spell trouble if you allow yourself to tell it. Your lucky numbers (19, 3, 44) could be especially important now.

You may encounter a blow to your self-esteem, but don't despair — it happens to most people at least once.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



A random contact in the next few days may result in a major change in your life. Stay open to new experiences, however questionable.

You are the idol of a child and most of the love you shower on this youngster will not be wasted.

Your stars promise hot prospects this week as long as you don't park a large car in a small garage.

PISCES

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Go slowly, think carefully and seize the chance to make money at any expense.

This is a good time to help loved ones with their problems — even if they don't want it.

Make the effort to contact family and friends and find out why they haven't contacted you. Before any meeting, scour the room for hidden agendas.

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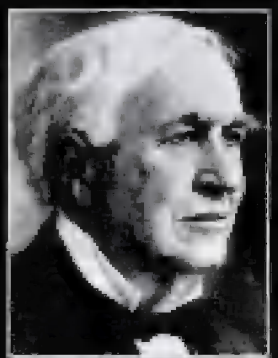
In olden days, barbers also performed as surgeons. Bloodletting, a remedy of the time believed to cure diseases, was one of their main tasks. The red-and-white striped barber pole originally symbolized a bleeding arm swathed in bandages.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

Mel Gibson's film *Mad Max* (1979) is listed in the *Guinness Book of Records* for the highest profit-to-cost ratio of a motion picture: It cost only $400,000 to make, but brought in more than $100 million.

- American troops in the Revolutionary War lost the Battle of Bunker Hill because they ran out of gunpowder and had to retreat.
- A manual-shift car is more fuel-efficient than an automatic, getting two more miles for each gallon of gas it uses.
- Mordacious: Prone to biting
- An old Greek wedding tradition has the bride write the names of all her single female friends on the sole of her shoe. After the wedding, the girls whose names have rubbed off are said to be the next to get married.
- A group of foxes is called a skulk.
- Master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock bought the movie rights to the novel *Psycho* for $9,000 — and then bought as many copies of the book as he could, to keep the story's twisted ending a shocking secret for his movie.
- In a recent survey, 58 percent of workers admitted calling in sick when they just didn't feel like showing up.
- An adult human head weighs about 12 pounds — the same as a light bowling ball.
- Sharks and rays are the only animals that don't get cancer. Scientists think this may be because they have no bones but only cartilage.
- The first British pop band to have a No. 1 record in the U.S. was not the Beatles — it was the Tornadoes, whose "Telstar" was No. 1 on the *Billboard* chart in December 1962. That was almost 14 months before the Beatles' "I Wanna Hold Your Hand," which reached No. 1 in February 1964.
- "The mark of a moron!" — actor Sylvester Stallone, on his decision to turn down the lead in the 1984 hit *Romancing the Stone* and to co-star instead in the flop *Rhinestone* with Dolly Par-



THOMAS ALVA EDISON: "THE WIZARD OF MENLO PARK"

Thomas Alva Edison filed a record 1,093 patents in his lifetime, for innovations including the lightbulb, the phonograph and motion-picture technology.

- Edison was born on Feb. 11, 1847, in Ohio. He did not start talking until he was 4 years old — but once he did, he drove his parents nuts with a constant stream of questions. He became a voracious reader of scientific and technical books.
- A former telegraph operator, Edison nicknamed his first two children after Morse code: Dot and Dash.
- He got his first patent in 1868, for an electric vote recorder. It was a commercial flop.
- At his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J., Edison developed the incandescent lightbulb for practical use. He succeeded in 1879, creating a bulb that burned for 13 hours.
- The groundbreaking 1903 film *The Great Train Robbery* was produced by Edison Films.
- Edison created several electric companies as electricity spread across the country, and in 1889 they were combined into Edison General Electric. But he never had control over the company, and after a merger in 1892 his name was

to talk until he was 4 years old — & more fascinating...

TRIVIA

A study of New York marathoners a few years ago found that their divorce rate — for both men and women — was twice the national average. People who engage in solitary endurance sports, such as marathon running, long-distance swimming, weightlifting and cross-country skiing, are most likely to be compulsive exercisers. Devotees of these activities occasionally set unrealistic, ambitious goals and then drive themselves mercilessly to reach them.

ton *Romancing the Stone* led to a hit sequel, *Rhinestone* led straight to the video store.

● The late comic actor Phil Hartman was a graphic artist who designed album covers for rock bands before becoming a full time performer. His work included the logo for Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

● A key ingredient in toothpaste and ice cream is carrageenan — which is seaweed. Among other things, it helps to keep crystals from growing in frozen foods.

● Fewer than 1,000 panda bears exist in the wild, and only 130 in captivity at zoos and wildlife centers.

● Baseball legend Babe Ruth didn't just change the way players hit the ball — he also changed the bat that they hit them with. Ruth was the first player to use a bat with a knob on its grip end.

● The shamrock was a sacred plant to the Druids of ancient Ireland long before St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity.

● Here's looking at you: The clam has a row of eyes around the outside of its shell.

● The word "sadistic" was inspired by the world's biggest sexual sicko, the Marquis de Sade. Strangely enough, this tower of terror was a puny 5 feet 3 inches tall.

● The sardine is not a separate species of fish; it's just a canned herring. It got its name because sardines were first packed in Sardinia, Italy.

● Lose a bet at the racetrack? Check your ticket one more time before you rip it up and go home. A gambler's magazine claims $1 million in payoffs goes begging every year because people lose or throw away winning tickets.

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LOCH NESS MONSTER IS A GIANT DUCK

Zoologist plans to capture the beast with enormous decoy

By MIKE FOSTER
In Scotland

CONTRARY to popular belief, the Loch Ness Monster is not a dinosaur — it's a huge mutant duck, a top researcher claims.

British zoologist Dr. Bernard Gluber plans to prove his stunning theory by capturing the elusive bird using the largest decoy ever constructed.

"The floating decoy will be 30 feet in length and will be equipped with speakers emitting mating calls designed to lure Nessie," he says.

Dr. Gluber notes that the most convincing photo ever taken of Nessie, snapped by Dr. Robert K. Wilson on April 19, 1934, shows a creature with a long, swan-like neck gliding gracefully across the surface of the Scottish lake.

"One need only compare the silhouette of Nessie to a photo of a waterfowl taken in profile to conclude the animal is a close relative of the duck, swan and goose," the scientist declares.

Dr. Gluber's bird theory flies in the face of conventional wisdom, which holds that if Nessie exists, she's probably a plesiosaur, a species of aquatic dinosaur that ruled the seas 100 million years ago.

"The trouble with the plesiosaur theory is that Loch Ness is no more than less than 12,000 years old, having been glacially excavated during the last Ice Age," Dr. Gluber observes.

The expert notes that stone carvings made by ancient Picts can be found around Loch Ness and depict the fabled monster.

"The strange creature is shown with what is clearly a prominent, duck-like bill," the researcher points out.

Also, while plesiosaurs were confined to water, some Nessie sightings dating back 1,500 years include accounts of the creature waddling onto the land.

Most mainstream Nessie researchers consider Gluber's duck theory to be horse feathers and are vigorously trying to blast it out of the water.

But the expert points to other evidence that Nessie is kin to Donald Duck:

● Efforts to locate the Loch Ness Monster with multiple boats sweeping the lake with sophisticated sonar have failed to locate the enormous creature. "The most logical explanation for this is that Nessie simply wasn't in the lake at the time," says Dr. Gluber. "A bird would be capable of flying away at night — perhaps migrating south for the winter — and later returning, unseen."

● Some species of waterfowl, which dive deep down to catch fish, are remarkably submerged for long periods of time. Given Nessie's length, it could also have produced a duck that can stay under water for hours at a time," the expert argues.

● Gigantic, unidentified feathers have occasionally been recovered from the lake.

● Many eyewitnesses have described the sound made by Nessie as a loud, goose-like honk, while others claim to have heard peculiar quacking coming from the lake.

Dr. Gluber plans to place his enormous decoy in the lake by June 25 and is confident his hypothesis will be proven correct.

"As the saying goes, 'If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it probably is a duck,' " he says.

YOU only need to compare the silhouette of Nessie with a real live duck to conclude that the animals are closely related.

OLDSTER HAS LIVED IN BOMB SHELTER FOR 42 YEARS

THOMAS Barsley has lived in a steel-reinforced, food-stocked bomb shelter since 1962 — and he sees no reason to come out now.

The 72-year-old man from Chattanooga, Tenn., says fears of a nuclear war between the United States and the former Soviet Union convinced him that moving into the basement shelter 42 long years ago "was a smart thing to do."

"The Soviet Union isn't a threat anymore but now we've got terrorists and drug lords to worry about," he says. "I think I'll stay put," he adds. "I think I'm better off right where I am."

Barsley says he's left the 1,200-square-foot shelter with running water and toilet facilities just once since locking himself inside on May 28, 1962.

"I walked outside in 1989 to see how much the world had changed, and it hasn't changed much — it's still a dangerous place," he says.

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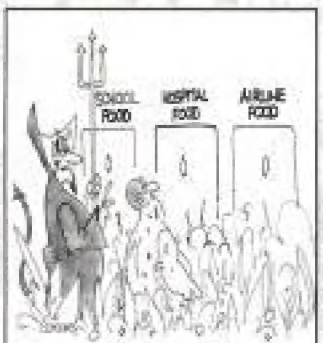
"You're lucky, Benny. We don't get the fish channel at my house."



"Take your pick, it's your choice."

"If elected, I promise to do my darndest to get reelected."

"I saw the most beautiful

'I WATCHED MY FAMILY BEFORE . . . CASTRO'S TORTURE SQUAD MADE ME A SLAVE!'

By CARMELITA ROJAS

FOR DECADES, rumors have circulated about Castro's sadistic torture squad — SS-like troops who roam the island nation, killing and raping to enforce the dictator's will. Known as Los Lobos — The Wolves — their existence is denied by the Cuban government. But Carmelita Rojas, 19, knows the truth. She is the sole survivor of a village massacred by the death squad. Here, is her story:

I CROUCHED on the floor, weeping in shame as the corporal zipped up his fly, strode to the table and took another slug of my grandfather's rum.

I had just been gang-raped by 12 of Castro's thugs and my beloved grandfather and Auntie Rosa had been butchered like goats before my eyes. Their bloody corpses sprawled on the floor just feet away.

Smoke gushed in through the open door and I knew Los Lobos had set the village on fire to destroy all evidence of their atrocities.

The corporal, who had been left with orders to "take care of me" when he was done, pulled his sidearm from its holster.

"I'm sorry, Mami," he said. "El Presidente doesn't allow us to leave any witnesses.

"Get on your knees and face the wall."

I obeyed — and felt the muzzle of his pistol against the back of my

Just hours earlier, my friend Manuela and I had heard that Jeeps filled with soldiers were headed to our village. We raced through the sugarcane fields to our homes to put on our miniskirts and other alluring items — innocently hoping to catch a soldier's eye, not knowing the true horror that awaited us.

Inside the house where I had been raised by my Auntie Rosa, Grandfather entered carrying his machete. At 78, he was still as robust as a bull and worked the fields every day.

Grandfather was fiercely loyal to Castro. He had served in the army and was decorated for bravery at the Bay of Pigs.

Suddenly, we heard voices screaming, "Los Lobos! Los Lobos!"

Auntie gasped. But Grandfather said calmly, "They will not harm the family of a former colonel. Go to your room, Carmelita."

From my window, I watched in

Men were being beaten and kicked to death. Old women were dragged by their hair to the town square and horsewhipped.

Young men were maimed with their own machetes. Ears and hands came flying off; I saw the town barber, Mr. Ortega, castrated.

Gunfire sounded from all directions. I cried as I saw Manuela running naked — chased by five leering soldiers.

A loud pounding came at our door.

I cracked my bedroom door and watched Grandfather admit a dozen soldiers. He was wearing his old uniform, adorned by medals and ribbons.

"I am retired Col. Diego Rojas," he said, puffing out his chest. "Everyone in this house is under my protection."

Their sergeant sneered as the soldiers tackled the old man.

Grandfather knocked four men down before they overpowered him. The stripped him to the waist, laid him

BUTCHERED LIKE GOATS

rushing from my room. The men restrained me as they whipped Grandfather mercilessly.

He refused to wimper, even after 100 lashes.

"He'll cry like a baby when he sees his granddaughter violated," suggested a corporal, taking a swig of rum.

Aunt Rosa pointed to a picture of St. Mary on the wall. "How can you do this in front of the Holy Mother?"

The sergeant's smile disappeared. "Shut up," he growled — then he shot Auntie in the head.

I screamed and flew at the men, who grabbed me and began ripping off my clothes.

board. He charged the sergeant, roaring, "You dogs!"

The soldiers shot Grandfather in the chest and he crumpled to the floor.

Then the goons threw me down and took turns raping me.

As the last soldier, the corporal, had his way with me, the others filed out, carrying everything of value — silverware, our radio, even food. The sergeant even took Grandfather's medals and pinned them to his own chest.

"Take care of her," he ordered the corporal on his way out.

As I knelt there, eyes shut, the corporal showed the muzzle of his pistol

muttered drunkenly. I opened my eyes, and saw him approach our picture of the Holy Mother. He turned it to the wall.

With his back turned, I saw my chance. I grabbed Grandfather's machete from the floor and drove it into the corporal's back.

He groaned, and then collapsed.

I slid out of the window and escaped the burning village.

Three nights later I was on a makeshift raft with 24 other Cuban refugees, clinging to an inner tube as it drifted through shark-infested waters toward Miami.

One thing sustained me on that perilous voyage: The memory of my beloved family members who'd sacri-

NEW HARVARD STUDY REVEALS WORDS THAT SELL: WIN FREE GAY SEX!

WRITING a lonely hearts ad that gets results is easy if you include the words "gay," "sex," "win" and "free" in it, a new Harvard study reveals.

"Commercial advertisers have known for decades that 'win,' 'sex' and 'free' are hot-button words that make consumers stop, look, listen and take action," say the authors of the study that measured responses to more than 500 personal ads in newspapers and on the Internet.

"But this is the first study that positively identifies the word 'gay' as a powerful hook in its own right.

"It's also the first study showing that the same words that advertising agencies use to sell automobiles, clothing, kitchen utensils and other items are effective in ads of an intensely personal nature.

"They work equally well for men and women. And they didn't attract just gays. The vast majority of respondents were heterosexual."

Just how you get the four words into your ad is up to you, say the experts.

"One of the more effective ads we placed simply said, 'Single male, 38, FREE to WIN single lady's heart. Enjoys longs walks on the beach, fine dining, partying in moderation, my '49 Mercury project car, and quiet nights at home cuddling on the sofa. I know a GAY guy but I'm hetero.

" 'If you have a SEX disease, call the health department and get a shot before you call me.' "

9-year-old pimp's principal problem!

A 9-year-old pimp was hauled off to a juvenile detention center after he tried to sell the sexual services of his third-grade teacher to an undercover cop! "He may be young but he knew the ropes," says a detective investigating the case.

The school's principal was stunned to learn that the boy, identified only as "Rooster" in school records, was in the clink on a solicitation rap.

The kid's teacher was said to

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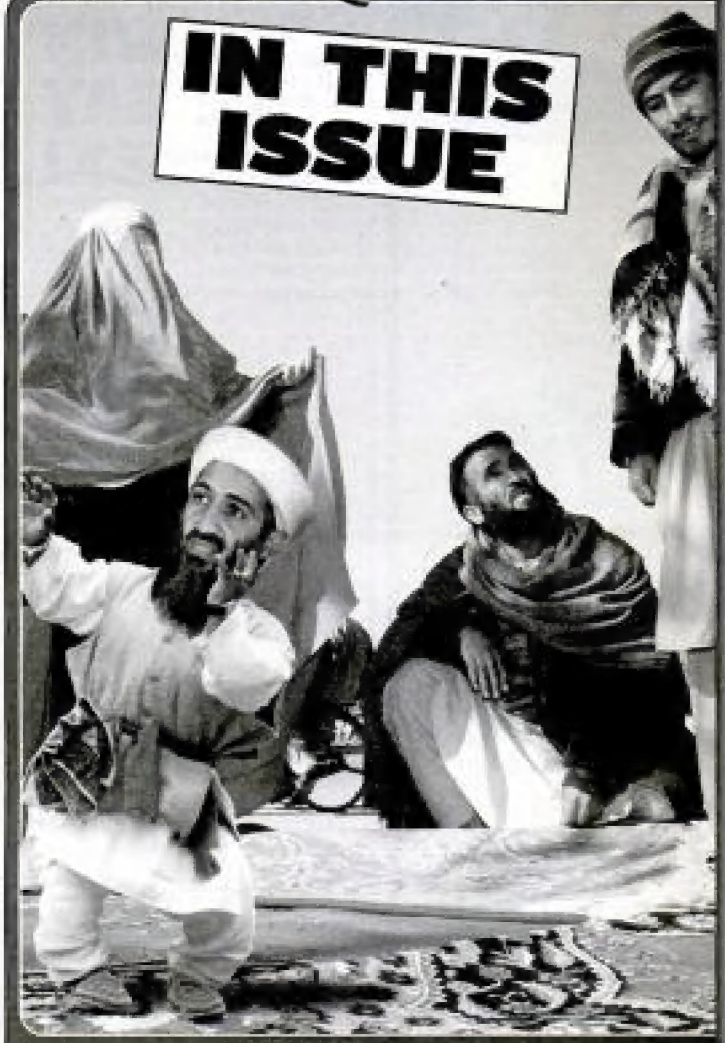

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Top secret CIA photo shows Bin Laden is a 4-foot-2 midget . . . not a 6-foot-5 giant!

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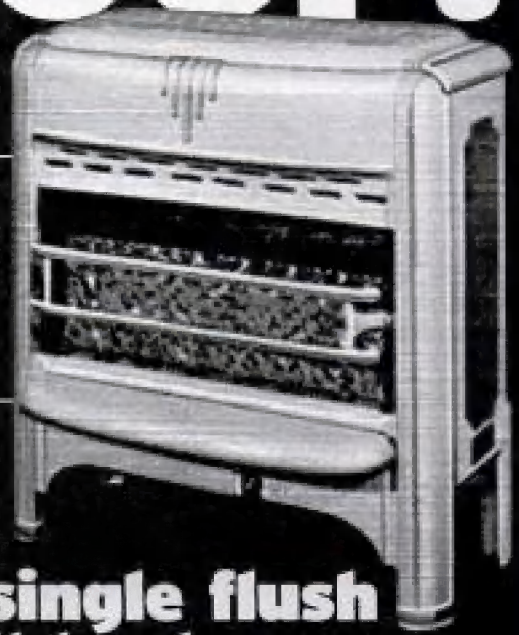

FECAL FURNACE will heat a home all winter — assuming the family eats continuously and no one is constipated.

A single flush will heat your home for a week, says inventor

WHAT'S SATAN DOING IN NEBRASKA?

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!